



Endless Mountains Poultry Association

Serving the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Beyond

Newsletter

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EMPA Established

On Saturday, November 22, 2003, at 1 P.M., at a meeting at the Ron/Lynn Stiles home in New Milford, PA, the Endless Mountains Poultry Association was organized by the following persons: S. Robert Powell, Ron Stiles, Lynn Stiles, David Stiles, Bob Simons, Harold Alesky, Judy Sartell, Jessica Sartell, Bill Goff, Bethany Page, and Mrs. Miller Page.

The following officers and directors were elected: David Stiles, president; Rev. Roland Romig, first vice-president; Tom Lipiec, second vice-president; S. Robert Powell, secretary/treasurer and editor of the *EMPA Newsletter*; Bob Simons and Harold Alesky, directors; Beth Page and Jessica Sartell, youth coordinators.

It was regularly moved (D. Stiles) and seconded (Simons) that the EMPA sponsor a poultry auction in April 2004 and a poultry and pigeon show in September 2004. The motion carried.

S. R. Powell said that he would file the appropriate papers with the APA and the ABA for associate

membership in those two organizations. With those two memberships, the EMPA will be able to host APA- and ABA-sanctioned meets at its shows. Powell also said that he would begin at once to gather information for a December *EMPA Newsletter*.

Bob Simons, Ron Stiles, and S. R. Powell will speak with the appropriate officials of the Harford Agricultural Society in order to make all necessary arrangements (use of buildings and grounds; necessary and appropriate insurance) so that these EMPA events can take place on the Harford Fairgrounds in Susquehanna County.

David Stiles said that he would prepare a draft of a constitution and by-laws for the EMPA.

One of the primary objectives of the EMPA will be to support and sponsor events and activities for junior members. Accordingly, it was regularly moved (Judy Sartell) and seconded (Goff) that no membership fee be charged to members under age 18. Individual and/or family membership in the association will be \$10 per year, payable for the year by the end of January.

Both during and after the meeting, EMPA members were treated to a wide array of snacks and refreshments that were provided by the Stiles family.

The EMPA will meet again on Saturday, December 13, at noon at the Mountain View Diner in Clifford.

Become a Member of the Endless Mountains Poultry Association

The Endless Mountains Poultry Association (EMPA) is very interested in promoting exhibition poultry among the 4-H and junior exhibitors of the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond. At the same time, the EMPA is committed to promoting exhibition poultry throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond.

As such, the newsletters of the EMPA (about 10 a year) will contain a mix of news from not only the Endless Mountains region of Pennsylvania but also from around the commonwealth and beyond.

To become a member of the Endless Mountains Poultry Association, fill out the membership form that is enclosed and mail it to the secretary/treasurer of the EMPA at the address given on the form.

Turkey Calling Contest

A turkey calling contest will take place at the 2004 Harford Fair. Details on where and when the

contest will take place have not yet been worked out. EMPA member Judy Sartell has agreed to take charge of this event.

The Standard Buff Leghorn Interesting Historical Facts and Helpful Hints on Breeding these Beauties By Richard W. Littleton

The S. C. Standard Buff Leghorn was first exhibited at Copenhagen in 1885. A pullet was exhibited in England in 1888 at the Crystal Palace Show by Herr Pedersen Byrgaard of Denmark. The judges did not place her because of her pale primrose color. Mr. L. C. Verrey was one of the first breeders in England as were Mr. & Mrs. Lister Kay. These breeders imported birds from Denmark. They were of poor color and fair type. The breeders of England and America were to breed this breed to its present state of excellence in type and color.

The years 1888 through 1896 saw the development of the Buff Leghorn. In 1896 at the Crystal Palace in England, Mr. Kay exhibited a first place cockerel fit to hold its own as a Leghorn with either Whites or Browns. Mr. August Arnold of Pennsylvania imported twenty pullets from Kay in the year 1890. These were the first Buff Leghorns sent to America. Mr. Arnold again imported both males and females from

England. Along with Mr. Arnold, a Mr. Ezra Cornell of New York and George S. Barnes of Michigan, were early breeders who did much towards developing and popularizing them in this country.

Mr. Kay refers to his use of the Buff Cochin in developing color in Buff Leghorns. He states, "If this cross had not been made, the Buff Leghorn would not have been added to our list of varieties of the domestic fowl."

In 1894 the Buff Leghorn was admitted to the *American Standard of Perfection*.

Dr. Heasley won first prize hen at Chicago in 1915. J. C. Punderford of Freneau, N. J. had first pen at Madison Square Garden in 1911. Guy Hatten of Ohio won first cock in 1921 where 23 cocks were in a class at Chicago Coliseum.

As for production, F. S. Smith, Hamilton, Ohio, advertised in '26, that he had six thousand Single Comb Buff Leghorns bred to lay--stock sired from government egg contests.

Present day breeders include Dr. F. M. Smalley, Loudonville, O.; Marcus Davidson, Bath, Pa., Geo. Rex, Slatedale, Pa., Geo. Dietz, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., J. J. Bedel, Millvale, Pa and, of course, others.

[This article is reprinted here from the January 1957 issue (pp. 1, 5) of *Poultry Press*.]

Some Poultry History

The Organization of the American Poultry Association in 1873

Reprinted here are two articles, both titled "A National Poultry Organization," about the organizational meetings which resulted in the birth of the APA in 1873. The first article is from *Pet-Stock, Pigeon & Poultry Bulletin*, New York, February 1873:

A National Poultry Organization

A meeting of Poultry Fanciers was held at Music Hall, Boston, Jan 17th, after the close of the Exhibition of the Massachusetts Poultry Association. There were present Messrs. Williams, Comey, Pitman, Ball, Foster, Champney, Brackett, Tuttle, Graves, Swinerton, Holmes, Clarke, and Atkinson of Mass., Churchman of Del., and Halstead, Ongley and Kirby of New York. Mr. Williams was elected chairman and Mr. Atkinson secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Churchman stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of taking initiatory steps towards a National Poultry

Association, and also towards calling a convention at some future day, for the purpose of amending the standard of excellence. He objected to the present standard, as not being sufficiently definite in regard to either perfection or defects. The meeting was also addressed by Messrs. Brackett, Halsted, Comey, Williams, and Pitman and the opinion generally expressed was, that in figuring the points according to the present standard, weight had too much influence on the decision of the judges: or in other words carried too many points.

Moved by Mr. Churchman that the chair appoint a committee to confer with all the associations in the United States, in reference to such convention with authority, if their views are favorable to such action, to appoint a time and call a convention to meet in Boston at some future day. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Comey, that such committee consist of five members. Amended to seven and passed as amended.

The following gentlemen were then nominated and approved: Messrs. C. A. Sweet, Buffalo, N.Y.; P. Williams, Taunton, Mass.; E. C. Skinner, Detroit, Mich.; W. H. Churchman, Wilmington, Del.; Chas. E. Tuttle, Boston, Mass.; A. M. Halsted, Rye, N.Y.; P. W. Hudson, N. Manchester, Conn.

Upon motion Mr. Churchman was appointed secretary of this committee.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the committee.

A. B. Atkinson,
Secretary of the Meeting

The second article, also titled "A National Poultry Organization," is from *Pet-Stock, Pigeon & Poultry Bulletin*, New York, March 1873:

A National Poultry Organization

In accordance with the views of the meetings held at Boston in January, Mr. W. H. Churchman, as Secretary of the committee appointed at that time, with the advice and concurrence of Mr. Joseph M. Wade, P. Williams, and others interested, finding a very large attendance of Fanciers and Breeders in attendance at the exhibition of the Western New York Poultry Society, called a meeting at St. James Hall, Buffalo, for Friday evening, February 14th, for the purpose of organizing a National Association.

On motion of Mr. E. S. Smith, the meeting was organized by electing Philander Williams to the chair, and Joseph M. Wade as secretary. After some remarks by the chairman on the necessity of such an organization, and the advantages that would accrue therefrom, Mr. Charles A. Sweet rose to ask Mr. Churchman to state the

object of the meeting. The minutes of a meeting held in Boston, Music Hall, January 17, 1873, were then read, and Mr. Churchman stated that he had conferred with a majority of the committee appointed at Boston, to take steps to revise the American Standard, and found that it was impossible to get a convention of fanciers together and hold them together long enough, to make a Standard of Excellence that would be correct in every point; believing that it would take six months to accomplish the work. In view of this, he deemed it necessary to form a National Poultry Association at once; and then proceed to revise the Standard, and send it out under the seal of said organization. On motion of Wm. H. Churchman, the following committee of five was appointed to nominate a list of officers for the association, and report Saturday evening, February 15, 1873: -- Daniel Allen, Joseph M. Wade, Wm. H. Churchman, E. S. Ongley and M. H. Cryer. On motion of W. H. Churchman, the committee to nominate a list of officers was also appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. Moved by Mr. Chas A. Sweet that the meeting now adjourn to meet at the same place February 15, at 7 p. m.

February 15, 1873

The meeting was called to order with Philander Williams in the chair, and a list of officers, and constitution

and by-laws were presented by the committee appointed for that purpose. The constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the officers were elected unanimously. On motion it was resolved that the name of the new organization shall be THE AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The officers of the association are: President, William H. Churchman, Wilmington, Delaware.

Vice Presidents, Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; Williams Simpson, Jr., West Farms, N. Y.; E. C. Skinner, Detroit, Mich.; Charles A. Sweet, Buffalo, N. Y.; Daniel Allen, Galt, Canada.

Secretary, Joseph M. Wade, 22 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer, Edward B. Smith, Buffalo, N.Y.

Executive Committee, M. H. Cryer, Salem, O.; C. B. Elben, Pittsburgh, Pa.; A. D. Warren, Worcester, Mass.; T. L. Sturtevant, South Framingham, Mass.; P. W. Hudson, North Manchester, Mass.; E. S. Ongley, Auburn, N.Y.; S. H. Seamans, Wauwatosa, Wis.; E. S. Isom, Cleveland, O.; Jacob Pentz, New Brunswick, N.J.; Charles P. Willard, Poultry Editor, N. L. S. J., Chicago; S. Sheldon Stevens, Toronto, Canada; E. P. Howlett, Syracuse, N.Y.

JOSEPH M. WADE, Secretary

1955 Honesdale Show

On pages 3 and 6 of the July 7, 1955 issue of *Poultry Press*, there is an article titled "Honesdale Show Again Outstanding." The show in question was the annual show sponsored by the Wayne County Poultry Fanciers' Association, known from coast to coast as "The Cocky Crowd."

From the article, accompanied by five photographs, we learn (among other things) that

- people from 16 states attended the Cocky Crowd banquet that was held in conjunction with the show;
- Frank Gary, retiring president of the ABA, and R. A. McKinney, newly elected president of the ABA, both attended the show;
- Robert Box, Honesdale, had Champion Large Fowl of the show (White Rock cock) and that Serena Denslow presented him with one of her trophies in recognition of his win;
- Merl Rynearson, Hop Bottom, had Champion Asiatic on a Light Brahma hen;
- Henry Ahlf had Champion Mediterranean on a White Leghorn cock;
- Milton Landis of York, PA judged the Cornish bantams as part of the Cornish Jamboree that took place at the show;

- John Kriner and Maurice Delano were both named Honorary Life Members of the Cocky Crowd at the show;
- the Black Cochin bantam cock that was shown by Seth Campbell was named the Grand Champion of the Show.

In a conversation with Merl Rynearson on November 15, 2003 about this show, we learned that the standard Light Brahma that appears on the 3 cent U. S. postage stamp was owned by Harvey Wood and that the bird on the stamp was one of the champions at the Madison Square Garden show in 1946.

Standard Barred Rocks

EMPA member Judy Sartell is hoping to locate someone who has some Barred Rock laying hens for sale. If you know where some can be located, contact Judy Sartell at <buckwheat@epix.net>

Dan Walker, a teacher in the Elk Lake school district, would like to get a standard Barred Rock cock /cockerel. He has a small flock of hens, but needs a cock/cockerel so that he can get fertile eggs to hatch in an incubator in his classroom this coming spring Dan can be reached at 570-563-3244.

Death of Eleanora Vinhage

Eleanor Vinhage was an enthusiastic supporter of exhibition poultry

for many years. For 14 years she was the secretary/treasurer of the American Bantam Association. (The daughter of Eleanor and Gus Vinhage, Karen Unrath, now serves as secretary of the ABA.) On November 5, 2003, Eleanor Vinhage died.

Here is a copy of her obituary that was published in the *NJ Herald*, the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, and *The Islander*:

Eleanora Vinhage, 67 years old, from Holmes Beach, Florida, died November 5, 2003. She was born on April 21, 1936 in Newark, NJ. Formerly of Hamburg and Lafayette, NJ, she moved to Florida in 1999.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, August Vinhage, and four children--Debra Groves of Florida, William Vinhage of Bradenton, FL, Karen Unrath of Lafayette, NJ, and Frederic Vinhage, stationed with the UA Air Force in South Korea, and a sister, Doris Cline, of Frankford, NJ. Eleanora is survived by nine grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

She served as secretary /treasurer of Jordan Tool and Die, Inc. for 25 years in Lafayette, NJ, and also as secretary/treasurer of the American Bantam Association for 14 years. She was president of the Hamburg, NJ Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in 1971.

Eleanora was a parishioner of St. Bernard's RCC in Holmes Beach,

FL. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Holmes Beach.

Memorial donations may be made to The Colonial Williamsburg Fund, Post Office Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

Contact information for Gus Vinhage: August Vinhage, 624 Dundee Lane, Holmes Beach, FL 34217. 941-778-4399. <anevinhage@msn.com>

Revisions Under Way

The APA's *American Standard of Perfection* (ASOP) is now being revised /updated. If there is anything in the ASOP that you have discovered that should be corrected, amplified, revised, or deleted, contact one of the members of the APA Standard Committee: Walt Leonard, Sam Brush, or John Monaco.

2004 APA Annual Meeting in Syracuse

One of the most important poultry events to take place in APA District 2 (PA, NY, NJ, DE, MD, DC) in many years will be the 2004 APA annual meeting and convention that will take place at the Yankee Classic on October 23-24, 2004.

This event will be sponsored and hosted by six New York state poultry clubs: Finger Lakes Feather Club, Eastern New York Poultry Fanciers Association, Twin Tier Poultry Club, Northern New York Poultry Club, Buffalo and Western

New York Poultry Club, and Rochester Poultry Fanciers Association.

All of us in District 2 should support this annual meeting and convention in any way that we can. A very nice way to demonstrate your support is by putting up a "special" either in honor of or in memory of a poultry friend.

To sponsor a special for the 2004 APA Annual, contact (1) the treasurer of the Finger Lakes Feather Club, Mrs. Della Davis: 5186 State Route 365, Verona, NY 13478-3119, or (2) the show coordinator, John Pierce, who can be reached at 315-492-1974 or by e-mail at this address: <mapierce@usadatanet.net>

Death of Jim Decker

On November 12, 2003, Jim Decker of Factoryville, PA, died. He had a life-long interest in Old English Game bantams, Racing Homers, budgerigars, and Jack Russell terriers.

A memorial service for Jim took place in the Asbury United Methodist Church in Scranton on November 16, at 3 P.M.

EMPA member S. Robert Powell attended that service and was one of three people who spoke during the "Witness" section of the memorial service. In his remarks, Powell spoke of Jim's enthusiasm for life, his great interest in promoting poultry and pigeons for young people, and his on-

with-the-show/can-do approach to everything.

Powell spoke of Jim's involvement with U. S. Army Pigeon Corps and said that he would have brought a crate of Racing Homers to the memorial service and released them if the service were earlier in the day. "It's too late in the day to release birds," said Powell, "so I didn't bring any birds to release in Jim's memory. But one day soon I'll do a Racing Homer release in Jim's memory."

Here is the obituary of Jim Decker that was published in *The Scranton Times*:

James David Decker Jr.

November 12, 2003



James David Decker Jr., 70, of Factoryville, died Wednesday at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Scranton, son of the late James David Sr. and Eleanor Skillman Decker, he was a graduate of Scranton Central High School and a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He served in the Army for more than 20 years and received numerous combat medals, including a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was part of the last corps to train homing pigeons. He was a member of the American Budgee Society and the American Jack Russell Terriers Association.

He was a loving son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather

and uncle who loved raising Jack Russell terriers.

Surviving are four daughters, Dorothy Zujkowski, Aurora, Ohio; Jamie Sleboda, Dunmore; Tammy Cwalinski, Scranton; and Danielle Decker, Stroudsburg; three sons, James David III, Scranton; Thomas, Colorado; and William, Lansdale; two sisters, Lois Cartwright, Plainfield, N.J.; and Janice Schaffer, Scranton; a brother, Donald Decker, Ellenville, N.J.; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Decker.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Asbury United Methodist Church, 720 Delaware St., with services by the Rev. Matthew Armstrong, pastor. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements, Thomas J. Hughes Funeral Home Inc., 1240 St. Ann's St.

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Next EMPA Meeting

The Endless Mountain Poultry Association will meet on January 17, 2004, at noon, at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford.

In getting ready for the meeting, make sure that you look over (1) the draft of the EMPA by-laws that EMPA president Dave Stiles presented at the December 2003 meeting, and (2) the various drafts for the poultry show catalogue that EMPA show secretary Judy Sartell has drawn up since the December meeting.

If you need to get a copy of any of those drafts, contact Dave, Judy, or the Robert. Your input and suggestions about those drafts of the by-laws and the show catalogue will be welcomed and much appreciated.

4-H Fancy Feathers Club Meeting and Educational Seminar

Saturday, January 17, 2004, from 11 A.M. to noon at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford. 4-H business first, then the seminar, titled "Getting Birds Ready for Breeding Season," which will conclude in time for the EMPA meeting at noon. Additional information, contact Judy Sartell at 570-756-2447 or buckwheat@epix.net

EMPA Spring Auction

The inaugural EMPA auction of poultry and poultry-related items will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County. The auctioneer will be the Rev. Roland Romig. Doors will open at 8 A.M. and the auction will begin at 10 A.M. Bring your birds to the auction in a box that will go with the birds when sold.

EMPA Summer Show

The inaugural EMPA poultry show will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2004, in the poultry building on the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County. Judy Sartell is the show secretary.

The entry fee will be \$2 a bird; for junior exhibitors, the entry fee will be \$1 per bird.

The judges for the show will be: **Paul Kroll** (bantams), **Rev. Roland Romig** (waterfowl and turkeys), **S. Robert Powell** (standard chickens), and **Jamie Matts** (junior showmanship).

SPRING AUCTION, April 10
SUMMER SHOW, June 12

Thank You, John

When John Rebhahn, Syracuse, became a member of the EMPA, he also enclosed a cash donation, "to help cover the extra expenses that are always associated with the formation of a new club or association." Thank you, John. Your donation is much appreciated.

John also reported the birth of a grandson, Will Daniel Rebhahn, on December 1, and remarked that Will "was a good candidate to become a junior member of the EMPA in the future."

EMPA Junior Exhibitors Win Big in Junior Show at Twin Tier Show

There were 35 junior exhibitors who showed their birds in the junior show at the Twin Tier Poultry Show on September 7, 2003. Four of those junior exhibitors are EMPA members and here are their wins:

Champion Mediterranean and Champion Standard of the Junior Show was a White-Faced Black Spanish hen, shown by Jessica Sartell. This same bird was also named Champion Mediterranean of the open show! See photo of Jessica and the Spanish hen on p. 43 of the December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*.

Champion English and Reserve Champion Standard was an Australorp pullet, shown by John Orlowski. See photo of the Australorp on page 43 of the

December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*.

Champion Single Comb Clean Legged and Champion Bantam was a New Hampshire pullet, shown by Mark Orlowski, Jr.

Reserve Champion Feather-legged was a Black Cochin cock, shown by Sara Orlowski.

In the junior showmanship classes, John Orlowski won first place in the senior division, and Jessica Sartell won third place in the novice division.

Congratulations to EMPA junior members Jessica, John, Mark, and Sara.

And It Was Not Only EMPA Juniors Who Won Big at the Twin Tier Show . . .

In the open show at the Twin Tier Show (1,100 birds) on September 7, 2003, a Black Old English cockerel that was shown by EMPA member Ben Bensinger (Lebanon, PA) was named Grand Champion of the Show. See photo of Ben receiving trophy from Bob Whitney in the December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*, p. 43.

And a Brown Red standard Old English Game pullet that was shown by EMPA member Paul Jones (Oneida, NY) was named Champion AOSB of the show. See photo in December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*, p. 43.

Congratulations Ben and Paul and those important wins!

Today's the Day!

Is the world getting you down? Are your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors slowly driving you crazy? Tired of the same old nine-to-five stuff? Add a little magic to your life: join the Endless Mountains Poultry Association. You'll be glad you did.

To receive a membership application, contact the Membership Committee chairman, Tom Lipiec (Post Office Box 47; West Edmeston, NY 13485. 315-855-4457 tlipiec@aol.com) or any of the EMPA officers or directors.

If you're under age 18, membership is free. If not, it's \$10 a year, which gets you 10 *EMPA Newsletters* a year, plus the satisfaction of knowing that you're a member of one of the best poultry clubs in America.

APA Yearbook Ads

The EMPA will sponsor a full-page ad in the 2004 *APA Yearbook*. The cost of the page is \$96. We need six individuals to each take out a \$16 space ad for the page. The club will then get 1/4th of the page for free, and thereon the EMPA officers and officials, and the show and auction dates for 2004 will be announced.

Ron and Lynn Stiles, David Stiles, and S. R. Powell have already said they would each take out an ad. Three openings remain. If more than 3 people want to take out ads, we may be able to sponsor a second full-page ad. Don't delay.

Speak up. The APA's deadline is February 1.

ABA Yearbook Ads

Will the EMPA also have a full-page ad in the 2004 *ABA Yearbook*? The cost of the page is \$90. We need six individuals to each take out a \$15 space ad for the page. The club will then get 1/4th of the page for free, and thereon the EMPA officers and officials, and the show and auction dates for 2004 will be announced. The ABA's deadline is March 1.

Stiles Poultry Farm and Hatchery

Yes, we all know that EMPA members Ron and Lynn Stiles and their son, David, are very involved with and committed to poultry. But, no, they have not opened a hatchery (although they do have a sizable poultry farm in Hallstead).

As it turns out, however, Ron may be related to a Leon Stiles who did, in fact, have a poultry farm and hatchery in the Syracuse, NY, up to 1963. This we learned from an e-mail that we received in December from Ron, who reported:

"I have recently been trying to research my family genealogy and ran across a fellow just east of Syracuse by the name of Leon Stiles, 83 years old. He is the historian of the Stiles Family of America organization. He was the proprietor of the Stiles Poultry Farm and Hatchery in the Syracuse area. He said that he gave up the business in 1963. We don't know yet if we have a direct family link or not."

Anybody know anything about the Stiles Poultry Farm and Hatchery in the Syracuse area? Anyone have any brochures or sales sheets from them?

Bon Appetit!

Special thanks to EMPA member Paul Kroll, who sent to us a copy of the November 10, 2003 issue of *The Rosengarten Report*, a quality monthly publication about food and wine.

In the cover story in this issue, titled "Hold That Turkey!!!," David Rosengarten identifies and describes in mouth-watering detail 13 kinds of fowl that might serve as alternatives to turkey at holiday meals.

For all 13 selections, David Rosengarten provides cooking instructions and recommended wine choices.

The first place/grand prize winner is Guinea Hen (serve with "fairly delicate red wine, like a five-year old Chinon from the Loire Valley"); second place is female Muscovy duck (serve with "pretty rich red wine, like a 3- to 4-year-old Cahors from southwest France:); third place is Goose (serve with "very rich and tannic red wine, like a big, young California Cabernet").

Those of us who were raised on family farms and who ate Guinea Hens, Muscovy ducks, and Geese, not only at holiday dinners but also year-round, will surely agree with David Rosengarten in his choices.

For additional information about *The Rosengarten Report*, phone 800-832-2330 or go to

www.DavidRosengarten.com

Modern Games

Tom Lipiec (315-855-4457 tlipiec@aol.com) would like to get a standard B. B. Red Modern Game cock. Anybody have one available or know where he can get one?

In a conversation with Tom on 12-21-03, we learned that there were nine varieties of standard Modern Games in the first edition of the APA's *Standard of Excellence*.

Reprint from 1933

Poultry Tribune

Special thanks to Ron Stiles for making available to us a copy of the article titled "Great Pennsylvania Show Brings Record Poultry Interest" from the March 1933 issue of *Poultry Tribune*, pp. 38-39. That article is reprinted herein on page 8.

In the February issue of this *EMPA Newsletter*, we will reprint (also from the March 1933 *Poultry Tribune*) the report on the New York Poultry Show at the 14th Street Armory on January 10-14, 1933

The Exchequer Leghorn Fowl

A Little of the History of a
Beautiful Breed. Color Standard
Out-Lined

By Frank Wright
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

[Extract, reprinted here from May 1968 issue of *Poultry Press*, pp. 1, 11; complete article reprinted on APA District 2 webpage.]

In the years 1900 to 1904, Robert Miller of Denny, Scotland began the development of a new variety of Leghorn, which, as he stated, appeared as "angels unawares" in a hatching of Single Comb White Leghorns. These chequered beauties, derived from a White Leghorn base, carried the attractive black and white (evenly white or near-white) undercolour, and clear yellow shanks and toes. Being from a strain of hardy, prolific White Leghorns, of good size, and laying a large white egg, the Exchequers retained these fine qualities.

Mr. Miller established the Exchequer Leghorn through this mutation and developed a strain which gradually became known throughout the

British Isles, and at length, throughout the British Commonwealth. In addition to being the hardiest and most beautiful of the Leghorns, they made a good account of themselves in the laying tests. It was through the results of their laying achievements in the columns of the FEATHERED WORLD, that American readers of that grand old weekly became interested in the breed. In 1925, Mr. Z. T. Spencer of Ben Lomond, California and Judge W. W. Graves of Jefferson City, Missouri, both made importations direct from the originator, and in 1926 Lloyd W. Wright of Eau Claire, Wisconsin secured the breed from both from both Spencer and Graves. In that same year, Mr. Wright exhibited the first Exchequer Leghorns to be shown in America, at the Eau Claire National Poultry Show, and the judge the late George Hackett, awarded them the blue ribbon. During 1926 also, Mr. D. McRae of Milnor, B. C., Canada, obtained Exchequer Leghorns from the originator in Scotland; and an importation was also made by Mr. N. McMaster of Canada, that same year. . .

I was delighted to read in the January edition of POULTRY PRESS that Mr. James Mooney of Brimfield, Mass., had taken up the Exchequer Leghorn. On page 4 is a paragraph requesting further information on the breed; and on page 8 is a photo of Mr. Mooney and a splendid Exchequer Leghorn cockerel. To my knowledge this is the first time an illustration of the Exchequer Leghorn has appeared in the POULTRY PRESS since I used an old Robert Miller cut by Wippell, in a display ad in the PRESS some twenty-two years ago.

A few other "firsts" for the Exchequer Leghorn: First to enter a laying test in America, was Mr. Harry Day of Hudson, So. Dakota, at the Florida Test in the 1930s, where they gave a splendid account of themselves. At the All-Leghorn Show in Dubuque, Iowa in the mid-thirties, the Exchequer

Leghorn was second only to the Whites in number of entries. The first to be exported to Latin America from the United States were shipped by the writer to Senor Jose R. Terrada of Cuba in 1936. The first to be exhibited at Madison Square Garden was our entry in 1935. The most recent importations of breeding stock (actual birds, not eggs) from the British Isles to America, as a pen of splendid specimens which came from W. & G. Lee, Yorkshire, England, and imported by T. W. Connor, Gallitan, Tenn., in the late 1940s.

Your writer originated the Exchequer Leghorn Bantam simultaneously with the origination of an Exchequer Leghorn Bantam in Britain in the 1940s. Unfortunately, both strains died out during the 50s, but an American strain is again being produced with the co-operation of members of both the American and Canadian Clubs.

I would like to produce here the British Standard for the colour of plumage of the Exchequer Leghorn. In type, our Exchequer Leghorns in America and Canada tend to remain almost as imported --i.e., the large British type, similar to the old Tom Barron English White Leghorn. It would be a mistake to try to alter them to fit the smaller American standards with the tail-plumage akin to the Yokohama, etc. By retaining the original Scottish type and size, the extra large white eggs are also retained, which are as much a feature of the breed as its distinctive colour.

THE EXCHEQUER LEGHORN COLOUR OF PLUMAGE (Courtesy - The Poultry Club of Gt. Britain)

COLOUR OF PLUMAGE OF MALE and FEMALE: Black and white, evenly distributed, with some white in the undercolour, the white of the surface color in the form of a large blob as distinct from V-shaped ticking. Wings and tail to appear white and black, evenly distributed.

The Christmas Bird

"Roasted swan was the Christmas piece de resistance in Chaucer's day, but this dish gave place to the peacock, and the peacock in its turn was conquered by the turkey, when Capt. John Smith, fresh from the Virginia wars, came home to tell the amazed English folk of the bird that he saw parading the new world forests, 'exactly like a proud Turk showing off before his harem.' " (*The Times-Democrat War and Christmas Number*, Stroudsburg, PA, 1917, p. 84)

Archangels at Faircount Pigeon Show

EMPA president David Stiles showed five Archangels at the Faircount Pigeon Show in Ansonia, CT on Saturday, November 29, 2003. A Dark Bronze Archangel old cock that he showed was named not only Best of Breed but also Best in Show.

Congratulations David on this very impressive win.

EMPA Membership Cards

Membership cards will be mailed out once a month. If you are now a member of the EMPA, your 2004 membership card is enclosed.

Contact Your Elected Officials

All of us should contact our state representatives and senators about the problems with the poultry health regulations in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Explain the hardships caused by the laws as written. Talk about loss of income to everyone

involved--restaurants, motels, gas stations, etc. If the lawmakers all get hit at the same time with negative feedback from their constituents, we may well get some positive responses from our elected officials.

For additional thoughts and ideas on this question when you contact your legislators, contact EMPA member Tom Lipiec at 315-855-4457 tlipiec@aol.com

Busy Times in Le Raysville

EMPA members Brian and Brett Pifer have had a busy year: Little League baseball, overcoming a weasel problem in the coop, building an addition to the house, hatching and raising lots of birds, etc. "We'll try to get back to showing birds (Dominique bantams and others). Best of luck in gathering new members [for the EMPA]."

EMPA Membership

The EMPA was organized on November 22, 2003. As of today (December 22) we have 35 members. We are very pleased.

If you know of someone who should become a member of the EMPA, send us their contact information and we'll take care of the rest. The EMPA is especially interested in recruiting junior members. We have a press release that would be good for your local paper. Tell us the name of your local paper and how to contact them.

Minutes of EMPA Meeting, 12-13-2003

The meeting called to order by president David Stiles at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford. Present were: Ed Page, Bethany Page, Harold Alesky, Fred Cobb, Donna Cobb, Judy Sartell, Jessica Sartell, Mark Sartell, Robert Simons, Stanley Foster, Roland Romig, Lynn Stiles, Ron Stiles, Dave Stiles, Bill Goff, Connie Goff, Kathy Schofield, Tom Lipiec, and S. Robert Powell.

David distributed draft copies of EMPA by-laws and constitution and asked for comments and suggestions by members at January meeting or before.

The president appointed Judy Sartell as EMPA show secretary and Tom Lipiec as chairman of the Membership Committee. Membership applications will be processed by the Membership Committee, which will present for approval at regularly scheduled meetings of the EMPA the names of all applicants for membership.

The secretary, Robert Powell, reported that he had filed the appropriate papers with both the APA and the ABA for associate membership in those organizations. The EMPA can now sponsor ABA- and APA-sanctioned shows.

The secretary also reported that he had obtained an EIN for the association and opened a checking account--no monthly charge, no minimum--for the association at the Carbondale branch of Community Bank and Trust Company. Robert also reported that at the January 2004 meeting of the Directors of the Harford Agricultural Society he will make the necessary arrangements for the EMPA to purchase liability insurance as a rider on the Harford Fair's policy. Bill Goff: "Talk to Alex Scott. He handles that for our 4-H rabbit group."

After much discussion of EMPA plans for 2004, it was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (J. Sartell) that the EMPA host a poultry auction on the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County, on Saturday, April 10: doors open 8 A.M., auction begins at 10 A.M.; Rev. Roland Romig, auctioneer. The motion carried.

It was also regularly moved (Powell) and seconded (Romig) that the EMPA host a summer poultry show on June

12 on the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County. The motion carried.

Rev. Romig said that the association should ask the judges at its shows to assign a point score to the birds on champions' row and to speak publicly, at the time the champions are announced, about how and why they have arrived at the decisions they have.

David reported that he had recently showed Archangels at the Faircount Pigeon Show in CT and noted that the show champions were awarded photo certificates. He presented this idea to the association for consideration at EMPA shows.

Robert distributed copies of an EMPA press release and asked association members to hand-deliver them to their local papers.

It was reported from the floor that the 2003 annual report from the Susquehanna County 4-H Fancy Feathers Club that was prepared by Jessica Sartell was published recently in the local paper. Jessica said that she would get a copy of the newspaper report for the EMPA records.

Judy Sartell, one of the leaders off the 4-H Fancy Feathers Club, will organize regular 4-H meetings either before or after EMPA monthly meetings. "Members of 4-H poultry groups such as ours," she reported, "automatically become members of the EMPA."

The secretary reported that memberships in the EMPA were coming in at a good rate and that membership cards will be mailed out once a month--enclosed in the monthly newsletters.

The secretary also reported (1) that ads for the APA and ABA Yearbooks were due in early 2004 and said that it would probably be a good idea for the EMPA to have a full-page ad in them, and (2) that he had sent a press release about the formation of the EMPA to *Poultry Press* and said that it should appear in the January 2004 issue.

The association agreed to meet again on January 17 at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant. With no additional business to discuss, it was regularly moved (R. Stiles) and seconded (Alesky) to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. Powell, secretary

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Great Pennsylvania Show Brings Record Poultry Interest

Poultry, Turkeys, Eggs, and Baby Chicks In Competition

By O. A. HANKE

EXTREMELY favorable weather coupled with added attractions brought to the Seventeenth Annual Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show the largest attendance in the history of this great agricultural exposition. Attendance reached a peak on Tuesday when it totaled 78,000.

This depression period crowd was anticipated. More than 30,000 premium lists had been distributed to prospective exhibitors, and 15,000 preliminary programs and reduced fare certificates had been mailed on special request. More than four acres of commercial floor space had been sold to approximately 300 firms, 75 of which had never exhibited at the show before.

In the livestock and poultry sections there was a total of 4,943 entries compared to 4,207 a year ago, an increase of 18 per cent. So large was the interest in the poultry section that many of the entries could not be accommodated.

Pennsylvania built this ten acre state farm products show exposition building in order that its rural folks might spend one week each year to obtain an accurate cross section of the agricultural picture. A balanced program is presented. We, of course, are interested principally in the poultry division of the show. This is managed by the state poultry association with the cooperation of Pennsylvania State College. The three state farm products show committeemen representing the state poultry association were: G. Henry Hocker, Milanville; William Seidel, Washingtonville; and John Vandervort, State College.

For the Farm Products Show the four poultry extension men of the state, John Vandervort, D. C. Henderson, H. H. Kauffman and C. O. Dossin managed the poultry, egg, turkey and baby chick competitions. County Agent J. E. McKeehan handled the chick show. The poultry entries totaled 3,637 comprising 1,296 large fowls exhibited singly, and 249 trios. There were 463 bantams exhibited singly and 97 trios. Ducks totaled 191, geese 73, turkeys 150. From the vocational agricultural class there were 30 single entries and 105 trios, while the 4-H Club boys and girls showed 48 single birds, and 11 trios.

Many Special Awards

Special awards in the poultry division were made as follows: best trio, S. C. Rhode Island Red, Robert J. Doyle, Berwyn, Pa.; best male, Partridge Wyandotte, Harry M. Moore, Wise, Mo.; best female, Dark Cornish, Landis & French, York, Pa.; best bantam, B. B. Red Game, G. H. Wege, Hanover, Pa.; best turkey, Bronze young tom, Esbenschade Turkey Farm, Ronks, Pa.; best water fowl, Toulouse, Pastime Poultry Farm, Quakertown, Pa.

In the Silver Wyandotte meet the following special awards were given: best male, Willard M. Berry, New Gloucester, Maine; best female, Clarence Dillon, Mansfield, O.; best trio, J. A. Orth, Lebanon, Pa.; best display, J. A. Orth, Lebanon, Pa.

Special awards in the National Partridge Wyandotte meet were made as follows: best male, Harry M. Moore, Wise, Mo.; best female, S. G. Hoke & Son, Spring Grove, Pa.; best trio, B. F. Jones, South Montrose, Pa.; best display, B.

F. Jones, South Montrose, Pa.

From the Rhode Island Red State Meet, special awards were made as follows: best male, Wilson Shirk, Ephrata, Pa.; best female, R. P. Weidman, Sinking Springs, Pa.; best trio, Robt. J. Doyle, Berwyn, Pa.; best display, R. P. Weidman, Sinking Springs, Pa.

Special awards in the Brown Leghorn State Meet were made as follows: best male, N. G. Sechrist, Windsor, Pa.; best female, A. K. Lowry, Lebanon, Pa.; best trio, John W. Mink & Son, Ephrata, Pa.; best display, C. W. Meyers, Spring Grove, Pa.

The Sussex District Club Meet resulted in the following awards: best male, Light Sussex, Lentz & Wallace, Bowmansdale, Pa.; best female, Red Sussex, Lentz & Wallace, Bowmansdale, Pa.; best trio, Light Sussex, Lentz & Wallace, Bowmansdale, Pa.; best display, Lentz & Wallace, Bowmansdale, Pa.

The quality of the poultry at this show ranked very high. A. O. Schilling, famous poultry artist and judge, who did some of the judging, stressed this point very strongly.

Successful Egg Show

The 1933 egg exhibit of the Pennsylvania Farm Products Show was the largest in recent years. The 780 dozen exhibited by flock owners of Pennsylvania were divided among the different classes as follows: backyard class, 41 dozen; farmers class, 206 dozen; commercial class, 81 dozen; hatchery class, 102 dozen; commercial pack class, 126 dozen; carton class, 39 dozen; 4-H Club boys and girls, 19 dozen; vocational boys and girls, 91 dozen; miscellaneous 3 dozen.

Gold medals were awarded to the following exhibitors as sweepstake awards: best dozen white eggs, Paul Brown, Unionville, Pa.; best dozen brown eggs, Sayre's Hatchery, Doylestown, Pa.; best five dozen white eggs, Walter A. Shaw, Concordville, Pa.; best five dozen brown eggs, Susquehanna County Breeders Hatchery, Montrose, Pa.

Silver medals were awarded the winners in the various classes: best dozen eggs in backyard class, Furry Fry, Lancaster, Pa.; best dozen eggs in farmers class, H. W. Billmyer, Quakertown, Pa.; best dozen eggs in commercial class, Silas Van Horn, Wrightstown, Pa.; best dozen eggs in hatchery class, Sayre's Hatchery, Doylestown, Pa.; best five dozen eggs in farmers class, Thos. F. Delaney, Centre Hall, Pa.; best five dozen eggs in commercial class, Walter A. Shaw, Concordville, Pa.; best five dozen eggs in hatchery class, Taylor Brothers, Newton, Pa.; best dozen eggs in 4-H Club class, Ernest Christman, Leighton, Pa.; best dozen eggs in vocational class, Paul Brown, Unionville, Pa.

Lancaster county was awarded the banner on the basis of the number of dozens and also placings in the show. The Unionville Vocational School was awarded the vocational banner on the same basis.

Judges of the egg exhibit were: D. R. Marble, P. H. Margolf, E. W. Callenbach, poultry department, Pennsylvania State College, and A. E. Jones, Department of Markets, Trenton, N. J.

Members of the egg exhibit committee were: R. M. Gridley, Beaver, Pa.; Harry Sloat, Lancaster, Pa.; H. W. Wilcox, Media, Pa.; L. F. Rothrock, New Bloomfield, Pa.; D. C. Henderson, State College, Pa.

Turkeys Well Represented

Commenting on the turkey division, H. H. Kauffman who was in charge says, "The turkey show held in connection with the Pennsylvania Farm Products Show had the rare distinction of having all varieties represented, with a total of 126 birds. Needless to say, the Bronze entries were the largest in number, with a total of 50 in the coops. This indicates the existing popularity of this variety. There was a noticeable increased interest in the White Hollands and the smaller varieties.

"Esbenschade's Turkey Farm of Ronks, Lancaster county, Pa., and Pusey Cloud of Kennet Square, Chester county, Pa., were the two largest Bronze exhibitors. Esbenschade won five firsts, three seconds and one third. Cloud had three seconds and three thirds. Charles Foote, Landenberg, Pa., had first Bronze pullet in a class of 13. Esbenschade won first in the Bronze cockerels, which was the grand champion turkey in the show. There were 12 birds in this class.

"There was a neck and neck race between Mrs. Homer Price of Newark, Ohio and John W. Biggers of Wellington, Md., in the White Holland classes. Price was the heaviest winner in the old classes, while Biggers led with the young birds. James G. Rugh of Bridgeton, N. J., had first yearling hen. Mrs. Price won the reserve grand champion with an adult tom. There were 38 White Hollands in the show and most of them had outstanding conformation, type, and quality.

"The quality of the Bourbon Red classes was excellent. Many followers of poultry shows declared them the best classes of Reds they had ever seen in any show. Normandy Farm, Street, Maryland; F. H. Fosselman, Wila, Pa.; Kempsey Turkey Range, Montello, Wis., and M. S. Hoke were the principal exhibitors. These 16 Red birds had plenty of dark red color with clear white wing and tail markings.

"Considerable interest was created by the class of black turkeys. L. H. Fosselman, Wila, Pa.; Mrs. Dorothea Buskirk, New York, and Pioneer Point Farm of Centerville, Md., were the exhibitors. These birds had unusual black plumage and thick meaty keel bones. They were compact and of smaller size.

"S. G. Hoke, Spring Grove, Pa., and Edward C. Elbel, Rossiter, Pa., were the Narragansett exhibitors. There were ten birds of this variety.

"Every bird was weighed when judged, which was considerable satisfaction to both the exhibitors and spectators. The sentiment of the judging can be summed up in the statements made by numerous commercial turkey growers who were present, 'We are glad to see that ample emphasis was placed on conformation and type. This encourages exhibitors to breed the type of turkeys that the buyers want.'

"W. H. Rice, College Park, Md., was the judge."

First Chick Show Successful

In the baby chick show, which was the first one ever attempted in connection with the State Farm Products Show, 925 chicks were entered. County Agent J. E. McKeehan had charge of the competition.

Special prizes in the baby chick show were awarded as follows: Best 25 chicks in show (Rhode Island Reds), Kerr Chickeries. Best 25 chicks in supervised section (S. C. White Leghorns), C. R. Misner, Williamsport, Pa. Best 25 chicks in breeder section (Barred Plymouth Rocks), Mildred Shoemaker. Best 25 chicks in hatchery section (Rhode Island Reds), Kerr Chickeries. Best 25 chicks (Barred Plymouth Rocks), Mildred Shoemaker. Best 25 chicks (S. C. White Leghorns), C. R. Misner. Best 25 chicks (Rhode Island Reds), Kerr Chickeries.

The poultry competition in all its departments was splendidly managed. The judges rendered splendid service, and the crowds in attendance showed much interest.

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Next EMPA Meeting

The Endless Mountain Poultry Association will meet on Saturday, February 14, 2004, at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford.

4-H Fancy Feathers Club Meetings and Educational Seminars

The January meeting and seminar, which took place between 11 A.M. and noon on January 17 at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford, was under the direction of Judy Sartell, Bob Simons, the Stiles Family, and Tom Lipiec. The seminar topic was: Getting Birds Ready for the Breeding Season.

Nine youth members--several with their parents--attended the seminar, including Beth Page, Philip Hartman, Amanda Boman, Ashley Boman, Levi Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Madeline Mitchell, Jenna DiMeo, Kathy Bowan.

The February meeting of the 4-H Fancy Feathers Club will take place at the Sartell farm in Thompson. At that meeting there will be a screening of a poultry embryology tape.

For the time and date of this February meeting, contact Judy Sartell 570-756-2447 or buckwheat@epix.net

The March 2004 meeting of the 4-H Fancy Feathers Club will take place at the Mountain View Restaurant

in Clifford before the March EMPA meeting.

EMPA Spring Auction

The inaugural EMPA auction of poultry and poultry-related items will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the Harford Fairgrounds (in the cattle building), Susquehanna County. The auctioneer will be the Rev. Roland Romig. Doors will open at 8 A.M. and the auction will begin at 10 A.M. Bring your birds to the auction in a box that will go with the birds when sold.

EMPA Summer Show

The inaugural EMPA poultry show will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2004, in the poultry building on the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County. Judy Sartell is the show secretary.

The entry fee will be \$2 a bird; for junior exhibitors, the entry fee will be \$1 per bird.

The judges for the show will be: **Paul Kroll** (bantams), **Rev. Roland Romig** (waterfowl and turkeys), **Rick Porr** (standard chickens), and **Jamie Matts** (junior showmanship).

Breed Directory

Ron Stiles will coordinate the creation of an EMPA Breed Directory. To register, contact Ron Stiles (RR2,

Box 2208, Hallstead, PA 18822
dstiles@epix.net) and tell him what
breeds you raise. You don't necessarily
have to have birds for sale at the present
time.

Such a directory will be very
useful when persons contact the club and
want to buy birds or talk with someone
who raises a particular breed or variety
of exhibition poultry.

The data will be stored in an
electronic file, which means that they
can be easily updated and corrected.

EMPA in January and February 2004 issues of *Poultry Press*

Very nice to see in the January
issue the EMPA's press release about the
formation of the association on page 6;
also the annual report from Jessica
Sartell, titled "Fancy Feather 4-H
Poultry Club," on page 59.

And in the February issue of
Poultry Press, on pages 8-9, the article
by David Stiles titled "Score Cards Will
Be Used at Harford Show."

Such publicity is very good. We
have to continue to let the world know
just how special the Susquehanna
County 4-H Fancy Feathers Club and the
Endless Mountains Poultry Association--
and their members--are.

Note: the February 2004 issue of
Poultry Press arrived just as we were
preparing the final copy for this *EMPA
Newsletter*. We went through the
February *Poultry Press* quickly and
noted therein two or three items about
the EMPA and its members. A more
complete report will be included in the
March 2004 issue of this newsletter
about EMPA names in the news in the
February 2004 *Poultry Press*.

Names in the News

Everywhere you look in the
January 2004 issue of *Poultry Press*, you
see lots of EMPA names and faces.

We were very pleased to see that
Rev. Roland Romig is continuing "with
great joy and delight" in the footsteps of
Bob Delancey with the **Sunshine
Corner** column in *Poultry Press* (page
4).

From the article on pp. 8-9 by
Jamie Matts on Eastern New York
Poultry show at Cobleskill on September
28, 2003, we learn that (1) Paul Kroll
was one of the judges of the show; (2)
Tom Lipiec had Reserve Champion
AOCCL on a Wheaten Malay bantam
hen; (3) the Champion Continental was a
Salmon Faverolles pullet shown by Kyle
and Deb Yacobucci; (4) the Champion
AOSB was a Brown Red Old English
Game shown by Paul Jones; (5) the
Champion Heavy Goose was a Brown
African old gander shown by Kyle and
Deb Yacobucci; (6) Valerie Orlowski, as
head of the APA/ABA Youth Program,
handled the junior department.

In the same article, on page 9,
there are also photos of (1) Ron Stiles
and Evy Avery enjoying lunch together,
and (2) Paul Kroll judging, with John
Orlowski as clerk.

From the article by Valerie
Orlowski on the junior show at the same
Cobleskill show on pp. 8-9, we learn that
(1) Jessica Sartell had Champion and
Reserve Champion Mediterranean on
two White Faced Black Spanish hens;
(2) John Orlowski had Champion and
Reserve Champion English on an
Australorp cockerel and pullet,
respectively; (3) John Orlowski had
Champion Junior Large Fowl on his
Australorp pullet (photo on page 8); (4)
Mark Orlowski had Champion and
Reserve Champion SCCL on a New

Hampshire pullet and cockerel, respectively; (5) Mark Orlowski had Champion and Reserve Champion RCCL on a Black Wyandotte pullet and cockerel, respectively; (6) Mark Orlowski had Champion and Reserve Champion Medium Duck on a Buff duck old drake and young duck, respectively; (7) Sara Orlowski had Champion and Reserve Champion Bantam Ducks on a Gray Call young duck and young drake, respectively; (8) Sara Orlowski had Champion Medium Goose on a White Sebastopol young goose; (9) Sara Orlowski won first place in the junior category in the showmanship class; (10) Clinton Lutz and Jessica Sartell were tied for second place in the junior category of showmanship; (11) John Orlowski won second place and Mark Orlowski won third in the senior showmanship class.

From the article by Rick Pimental on the New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers' show on October 12 (January 2004 *Poultry Press*, p. 56), we learn that John Orlowski had Reserve Junior Bird, Best Large Fowl - Black Australorp cockerel, and Reserve Champion Large Fowl--Black Australorp pullet.

From John Pierce's article on the 2003 Yankee Classic on pp. 24-25, we learn that EMPA member Ben Bensinger had Reserve Champion Bantam on a Black Old English Game pullet (photo on page 25). In the same article there is a photo of the exhibitors of standard Old English Games at the 2003 Yankee Classic. In this photo, EMPA member Paul Jones appears twice: once in person, and a second time as a photograph that he, himself, holds. Is there a second Paul Jones out there?

Not included in this list of names and faces in the January 2004 issue of *Poultry Press* are the many recent and

very impressive wins of EMPA member Vanessa Koedatich. We will report on those wins in the March issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, see Vanessa's webpage:

<http://www.geocities.com/skytopbantams>

Getting Ready for the 2004 APA Annual Meet

As an organization, the EMPA should begin to consider ways of actively participating in the 2004 APA Annual at the Yankee Classic on October 23-24, 2004. Will we sponsor "specials"? Will we get involved as a group in the junior showmanship classes? in the junior show?

The show promises to be a wonderful event. In reading Don Schrider's "American Brown Leghorn Forum" in the January 2004 *Poultry Press* (pp. 26-27), we learn that the national meet of the ABLC will take place at the Yankee Classic! That is wonderful news.

Congratulations John Orlowski

We were very pleased to read John's inaugural column, titled "A Junior Perspective," in the January 2004 issue of *Poultry Press* (p. 8).

In this first column, John talks about how he got started raising and showing birds and about the past show season. John's advice to his readers in his January column is this: "Don't get discouraged." Sounds to me like sensible advice.

In John's second column, in the February 2004 issue of *Poultry Press* (p. 5), John talks about raising and showing "The Perfect Bird."

We look forward to reading--and learning from--John's column in every issue of *Poultry Press*.

Heavy Duck Club

EMPA member Kyle Yacobucci (Palatine Bridge, NY) serves as the secretary of the International Heavy Duck Breeders Association (see article by Brian Paul Witt on page 45 of January 204 *Poultry Press*). Kyle is the editor of the club's newsletter and has produced a website for the IHDBA.

The Endless Mountains and Beyond . . .

We were very pleased to receive at the end of January a membership from Jim Allan in Catoosa, Oklahoma, who enclosed the following note with his membership: "Am sending in a membership in your new club, mainly as a bit of support, plus, of course, to get your newsletter. I was born and raised for the first seventeen years in West Pittston, PA, but left for the Marines the day after Pearl Harbor, and only visited there ever since. Now have no relatives there anymore; have not returned for some time. Best of luck in the new club venture and here's to a good hatch in '04."

Thank you, Jim. It's good to have you as a member of the EMPA.

Prize Winning Shamo

Congratulations to EPMA member Tom Lipiec (West Edmeston, NY) on winning Champion All Other Standard Breeds with a Black Breasted Red Shamo cockerel at the Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers Show at Richmond, RI on October 18, 2003. The judges of the show were Jim Sallee, Warren Carlow, and Mike Waski.

Minutes of EMPA Meeting, January 17, 2004

Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, PA: the meeting was called to order at noon by president David Stiles. Present were the following: Ed Page, Bethany Page, Harold Alesky, Judy Sartell, Mark Sartell, Robert Simons, Lynn Stiles, Ron Stiles, David Stiles, Merl and Bess Rynearson, Bill Goff, Tom Lipiec, Kathy Schofield, and S. Robert Powell.

Minutes of the last meeting: The secretary reported that the minutes of the December 13, 2004 meeting off the EMPA were published on page 7 of the January 2004 *EMPA Newsletter*. It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (R. Stiles) that the minutes of the December 13, 2003 meeting of the EMPA, as published, be approved as published and placed on file. The motion carried.

President's Report: David Stiles reported that the Reading Pigeon Show and others are being monitored carefully by the state to make sure that they follow all health regulations. "We must follow all poultry health rules at our shows and auctions," he noted, "or fines and civil suits are possible." He noted that CT and NH have NPIP-approved labs and that PA and VA labs are not NPIP-approved. Tom Lipiec asked: "Will Pennsylvania labs test non-PA poultry blood?" No one present could answer with certainty the question. Tom said he would try to find out the answer to that question.

First Vice-President: no report

Second Vice-President: no report

Directors: no report.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that there were 34 adult and 12 junior members in the club at present, and that memberships in the club were

continuing to come in. The balance in the EMPA checking account as of January 13, 2004: \$326.51.

Show Committee Report: Given the fact that the date of the club's inaugural show was changed following the December 2003 meeting (from September 2004 to June 12, to avoid conflicts with other shows), the president asked for an official motion that the date of the EMPA's inaugural show be changed from September 2004 to June 12, 2004. A motion to that effect was made by S. R. Powell, with a second from Harold Alesky. The motion carried.

Show Secretary Judy Sartell showed the group drafts of the many papers and forms associated with the upcoming EMPA show and asked for comments on same from the group. The show catalogue will be ready to mail by May 1. Judy reported that there are 12 confirmed "meets" all lined up for the June 12 show. Robert said that he will get a meet from the United Orpington Club. The deadline for entries is May 29. Beth Page asked about the awards for the junior show. EMPA members agreed that the junior show trophies should be of high quality.

Robert reported that at the APA annual meeting in Lake City, FL, January 9-11, 2004, Rick Porr told him that he would be pleased to judge free-of-charge at the EMPA's inaugural show. Robert said to Rick Porr at the time that the EMPA would be honored to have him judge at our inaugural show. Accordingly, it was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (Simons) that Rick Porr judge the standard chickens (and perhaps some of the bantam chicken classes) at the EMPA show on June 12, 2004. The motion carried.

Membership Committee: Tom Lipiec, Chairman, reported that the

EMPA had received applications for membership from 34 adults and 12 juniors since the club was organized on November 22, 2003. "Speaking on behalf of the Membership Committee," Tom Lipiec stated, "I move that the 46 applications for membership in the EMPA, as noted in the Secretary's records, be accepted." The motion was seconded by Harold Alesky. The motion carried. Also on the question of membership, it was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (Simons) that all those persons accepted into membership in the EMPA up to the time of the February 14, 2004 meeting be designated as charter members of the association. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business: President David Stiles asked for input on the draft of the EMPA's by-laws and said that he would like to see the by-laws in final form by the time of the February 2004 meeting so that a final vote on the by-laws could take place at the March 2004 meeting.

EMPA Auction, April 10, 2004: the arena in the cattle building on the Harford Fairgrounds is where the auction will take place. Will all vendors of birds have to have sales' birds tested? The question of the auction's format has not yet been determined: in the format used by the TTPC? by the CPAC? It was agreed by the members that the association will follow whatever format Rev. Romig thinks will work best for the club.

New Business: Robert said that ads for the APA and ABA yearbooks were due on February 1st and March 1st respectively, and that it would be nice to see a full-page ad from the EMPA in one or both of those yearbooks. Robert reported that he already had an ad from Dick and Thola Waldau (Constantia,

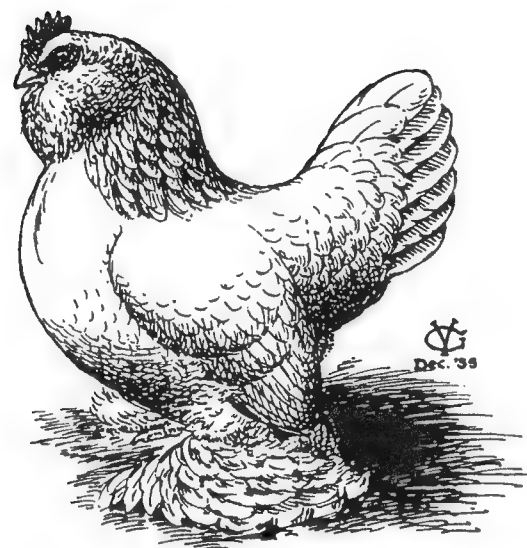
NY) for the APA Yearbook and that five more ads were needed for a full-page ad in that yearbook. Five people then came forward with ads for the full-page EMPA ad in the 2004 APA Yearbook: the Stiles family, Merl Rynearson, Tom Lipiec, the Sartell Family, and S. Robert Powell.

For the Good of the Order: Robert showed the group the beautiful poultry Christmas card that he received from Jackie and Vanessa Koedatich. Photos of some of the Koedatichs' birds are featured on the card.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (Goff) and seconded (Simons) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 P.M.

The EMPA will meet again on February 14, 2004, at noon, at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, Secretary



UCCLE BEARDED BANTAM FEMALE

Reprint from 1933 *Poultry Tribune*

Given below is a reprint of the article titled "The New York Poultry Show" from the March 1933 issue (pp. 40-41) of *Poultry Tribune*. This show took place at the 14th Street Armory, January 10-14, 1933. Special thanks to Ron Stiles for making available to us a copy of the March 1933 *Poultry Tribune*.

THE NEW YORK SHOW

By Hugh Thompson

The New York Poultry Show, Inc., which was held January 10 to 14 inclusive, in the 14th St. Armory at 125 West 14th St., New York City, surpassed the expectation of most of the older exhibitors in number of entries, attendance, and in general interest manifested. Every foot of available space in the hall was occupied by commercial and poultry exhibits. The commercial exhibitors reported satisfactory business and a considerable number of customers were in evidence in search of breeding stock, eggs and chicks.

The well known poultry judge, John Kriner, Sr., of Stettersville, Pa., who was general superintendent of the show, reported outstanding classes among the Barred Rock, White Leghorn, Black Minorca and Blue Andalusian entries. He claimed the best birds in the bantam show were found among the Light Brahmas and Black Cochins. The Old English and Black Red Games were among the finest of the Ornamental Games. Mr. Kriner thought the Silver Duckwings presented the best showing among the Modern Games.

The veteran judge particularly emphasized the merit of the general exhibit of Bronze Turkeys, claiming it to be the finest show of turkeys he had ever judged in his long experience.

The poultry classes of large fowl included 823 entries, the bantam entries numbered 664 and the turkey entries 96. There

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Candidate for Re-Election
APA District 2 Director**

were eight entries in the classes of geese and 55 in the duck classes.

Grand Champion male bird of the entire show was the 1st prize S. C. White Leghorn cock, owned by Oakdale Farms, Ainsworth, Ind. Grand Champion female of the show was a Blue Andalusian pullet, owned by John King, Camden, N. J.

Here are the first three prizes won by single birds of the following breeds:

Dark Barred Plymouth Rocks: C. N. Myers, Hanover, Pa. won 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all four classes. *Light Barred Plymouth Rocks:* C. N. Myers won 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all four classes. *White Plymouth Rocks:* F. H. Davey, Middletown, N. Y., won 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 3rd hen; 2nd, 3rd pullet. Wene Chick Farms, Vineland, N. J., 1st cock and 1st cockerel. Carll Tucker, Mount Kisco, N. Y., 1st pullet; 2nd hen; 2nd and 3rd cockerel.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds: Wm. Kuster, Peekskill, N. Y., 1st cock. Harold Tompkins, Concord, Mass., 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel; 1st, 2nd hens; 1st, 3rd pullets; 2nd, 3rd cocks. Silas H. Andrews, Mineola, N. Y., 2nd pullet. Arthur W. Sked, Pennington, N. J., 3rd hen.

S. C. White Leghorns: Oakdale Farms, Ainsworth, Ind., 1st, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st cockerel; 2nd, 3rd pullet. Pioneer Farms, Black Hall, Conn., 2nd cock. W. B. Combs, Temple, Pa., 2nd cockerel; Carll Tucker, 3rd cockerel. Robert V. Bruce, Saugus, Mass., 1st pullet.

S. C. Black Minorca: R. H. Anderson, Lynchburg, Va., 1st cock; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet. George J. Carson, Worcester, Mass., 2nd cock. Andrew Dauch, Bay Shore, N. Y., 3rd cock. Coventry Farms, Rome, N. Y., 3rd hen; 2nd cockerel. Hon. Edward W. Wallace, Rookville Center, N. J., 3rd cockerel. Philip Kriemhoffer, Bloomfield, N. J., 3rd pullet.

Blue Andalusians: Clinton Riggs, Catonsville, Md., 1st cock. John L. King, Camden, N. J., 2nd cock; 1st hen; 3rd cockerel; 1st pullet. William Collier, Montgomery, Ala., 3rd cock; 3rd hen; 3rd pullet. Walter C. Dobe, Buffalo, N. Y., 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd cockerel. Ray L. Jansen, Matawan, N. J., 2nd pullet.

Bronze Turkeys: Bird Brothers, Myersdale, Pa., 1st, 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd young cock; 1st, 3rd young hen; 1st, 2nd yearling cock; 2nd, 3rd yearling hen. Charles E. Worthington, Somers, Conn., 3rd cock. Ferrycliffe Farms, Bristol, R. I., 2nd hen; 3rd yearling cock. Elsie M. Hallock, Washington Depot, Conn., 1st yearling hen.

The 1934 Show will be held at the same place and during the same week in January. Space does not permit us to give the other important awards made at this show.

Poultry Show 2004 at Pennsylvania Farm Show

Tom Topper (Gettysburg, PA) was in charge of the information booth in the poultry section at the Farm Show 2004. John Alloway and Darlene Wirth helped man the booth on Monday, and Sue Boose spent time in the booth on Wednesday.

These folks handed out APA membership flyers and told visitors how to contact the various poultry clubs in Pennsylvania, including the EMPA.

Tom sent along the list of the show winners that is given below.

LARGE FOWL CHAMPIONS

Champion American-White Plymouth Rock Cockerel-Ken Merrill
Reserve American-White Wyandotte Cockerel-Ken Merrill
Champion Asiatic-Black Langshan Hen-Ken Merrill
Reserve Asiatic-Light Brahma Cock-Ken Merrill
Champion English-Black Langshan Hen-Ken Merrill
Reserve English-Black Australorp Cock-Ken Merrill
Champion Mediterranean-SC White Leghorn Hen-Tom Topper
Reserve Mediterranean-SC White Leghorn Cockerel-Tom Topper
Champion Continental-Silver Spangled Hamburg Hen-Tom McCullough
Reserve Continental-NB Buff Laced Polish-Ken Merrill
Champion AOV-Black O.E.Game Hen-Tom Flory
Reserve AOV-Black Ameraucana Hen-Larry Clionsky
Champion Large Fowl-Black O.E.Game Hen-Tom Flory
Reserve Champion Large Fowl-Black Langshan Hen-Ken Merrill
Champion Large Fowl Display-S.C. White Leghorns-Tom Topper

BANTAM CHAMPIONS

Champion Modern Game-None Shown
Champion O.E. Game-Black Hen-Tom Flory
Reserve O.E. Game-Birchen Pullet-Tom Topper
Champion SCCL-Barred Rock Cockerel-Tom Topper
Reserve SCCL-Columbian Plymouth Rock Cockerel-Jack Kiska
Champion RCCL-Partridge Wyandotte Cock-Kelly Armbrurger
Reserve RCCL-Quail Belgian D'Anvers Cockerel-Kelly Armbrurger
Champion AOCCL-NB White Crested Black Polish Pullet-S. Hanover
Kindergarden/Umberger
Reserve AOCCL-NB White Crested Black Polish Hen-Brookside Farm
Champion Feather Leg-Black Langshan Cock-Tom Flory
Reserve Feather Leg-Black Langshan Pullet-Tom Flory
Champion Bantam-Black Langshan Cock-Tom Flory
Reserve Champion Bantam-NB White Crested Black Polish Pullet-S. Hanover
Kindergarden/Umberger
Champion Bantam Display-Non Bearded White Crested Black Polish-Lee, Tim, and Dee Shea Cassel

WATERFOWL CHAMPIONS

Champion Heavy Duck-White Muscovy Old Drake-Lee, Tim & Dee Shea Cassel
Reserve Heavy Duck-White Pekin Old Duck-Norwood Reed
Champion Medium Duck-Buff Young Duck-Ken Merrill
Reserve Medium Duck-Buff Old Duck-Ken Merrill
Champion Light Duck-Black Runner Young Drake-Tom Topper
Reserve Light Duck-White Runner Old Duck-Norwood Reed
Champion Bantam Duck-Black East India Old Drake-Norwood Reed
Reserve Bantam Duck-Gray Call Old Drake-Tom Topper
Champion Duck-White Muscovy Old Drake-Lee, Tim & Dee Shea Cassel
Reserve Champion Duck-Buff Young Duck-Ken Merrill
Champion Heavy Goose-White Embden Old Goose-Tom Flory
Reserve Heavy Goose-White Embden Old Gander-Tom Flory
Champion Medium Goose-Buff American Old Gander-Tom Topper
Reserve Medium Goose-Buff American Old Goose-Tom Topper
Champion Light Goose-Brown China Old Goose-Tom Topper
Reserve Light Goose-2nd Place Brown China Old Goose-Tom Topper
Champion Goose-White Embden Old Goose-Tom Flory
Reserve Goose-White Embden Old Gander-Tom Flory

Champion Waterfowl-White Embden Old Goose-Tom Flory
Reserve Champion Waterfowl-White Muscovy Old Drake-Lee, Tim & Dee Shea Cassel
Champion Duck Display-Buff Duck-Ken Merrill
Champion Goose Display-None Shown

Arthur Schilling Taken By Death

Veteran Artist and Major Illustrator of the Standard of Perfection Was 76

Arthur O. Schilling, 76 of 271 Laurelton Road, Rochester, New York, official illustrator for the American Poultry Association for many years, died Saturday, June 21, 1958.

As Association illustrator, Mr. Schilling did all the illustrations for the latest edition of the Standard of Perfection. He was known as the "Rembrandt of Poultry". He was also a breeder and fancier of poultry, having originated the Single Comb White Leghorn Bantam which he worked some 26 years to perfect.

A native of Germany, Mr. Schilling was brought to the United States by his parents when he was a year old. He lived in Geneva before moving to Rochester. He began his art training at the Mechanics Institute, now the Rochester Institute of Technology. At 11 he was the youngest student in the school. Later he studied at the Albright Art Gallery in Buffalo, the Chicago Art Institute and in Germany and Belgium.

Mr. Schilling was a landscape painter before he turned to depicting animals and poultry. His animal illustrations have appeared in many national magazines. He was a licensed American Poultry Association judge and judged poultry shows from coast to coast and from border to border - Canada and Cuba. In 1948 he helped design a three-cent postage stamp marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the poultry industry. The Rochester Poultry Show of 1946 was dedicated to Mr. Schilling, "The No. 1 Man of the Poultry Industry".

He was a life member of the American Poultry Association, and the R. I. Red Club of America, an Honorary Life Member of the Honesdale "Cocky Crowd", the New York State Poultry Association, the Rochester Poultry Association, Concordia Lutheran Church, Germania Lodge F. & A.M., Roch-

ester Consistory, and Damascus Temple.

Surviving are his widow, Thea; a sister, Mrs. Albertine Felske of Detroit and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti at 2 P. M. on Tuesday, June 24th.

ARTHUR O. SCHILLING
By BEN F. RICKETTS
Zanesville, Ohio

In the passing of Arthur Schilling in June 21st, the American Poultry Association has lost probably its most famous living member - the world famous artist, breeder and judge. Art was 76 years old at his time of passing and has been in very poor health the past five years, but to the last, he never lost his magic touch with the pen and brush.

The first illustrated Standard of Perfection was published in 1905 and consisted of pen drawings by several master artists including Franklane Sewell, Arthur Schilling, Louis Paul Grahsm. At the time Mr. Sewell was supreme as the world's finest artist and the drawings were made in 1904 when Art was only 22 years old, yet his work was marvelous and that of a fully matured artist. Art told me many times about what a wonderful man Franklane Sewell was, how he had helped Art in every way to get started, and what a fine man he was personally.

One of the highlights of my own life has been knowing Art so intimately these past 15 or so years that we have been associated together along with Frank Conway, on the APA Standard Revision and Standard Committee. I do not believe I have ever known a man with a kinder disposition, and one who I never remember speaking an ill word against another. If ever a man was "his brother's keeper" it was Arthur Schilling, for he accepted every man for what he was and seemed to enjoy all people. To say that Art was perfect would be wrong, but neither is any man

perfect. His lifetime work as a breeder with large S. C. White Leghorns with his brother Bruno. His work with Buff Cochins Bantams, the fact that he was the first to bring the Mille Fleur Booted Bantams to the United States when he returned from a year's art study in Europe back in 1911, and his wonderful work as originator of the famous Schilling White Leghorn Bantams is too well known to need repeating. Also is the fact that he has judges at practically every major show in the United States, large shows in Canada and Cuba.

He has been a member of the Standard Revision Committee of the APA for nearly 40 years. He was the world's finest poultry artist and equally good with dogs and horses. Had he chosen to enter the field of portraits of landscapes, he would have been one of America's most noted artists. However, he loved poultry best of all and it is here that he spent his life.

Art's funeral was June 24th, a beautiful June day. There were nearly fifty gorgeous baskets of flowers from far and near. The dignified Lutheran Church services were both simple and sincere.

Arthur Schilling is gone but his work will live on.



ARTHUR O. SCHILLING
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March 10, 2004

EMPA Auction Coming Up

The inaugural EMPA spring auction of poultry and poultry-related items will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2004, on the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County.

The auctioneer will be the Rev. Roland Romig. Doors will open at 8 A.M. and the auction will begin at 10 A.M. Bring your auction birds in a box that will go with the birds when sold; also bring along a folding chair to sit on during the auction.

And don't forget your checkbook! This auction will be a good opportunity to upgrade and/or diversify your breeding /exhibition flock.

The Harford Fairgrounds are located right off Interstate 81 at Exit 217.

Next EMPA Meeting

The Endless Mountain Poultry Association will meet on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford.

Araucanas

At the February 14, 2004 meeting of the EMPA, Tom Lipiec showed us a very interesting article titled "Easter Egg Chickens" by Frederick G. Vosburgh that was published (pp. 377-87) in the September 1948 issue of *The National Geographic Magazine*.

From that article we learn that

--In 1927, Ward Brower, Jr., who raised chickens near Monroe, Orange County, NY, read the article titled "The Races of Domestic Poultry" by M. A. Jull

that was published in the April 1927 issue of *The National Geographic Magazine*. In that 1927 article there is a photograph of a painting of a trio of Araucanas.

--Brower decided at that time that he wanted to develop a flock of Araucanas and corresponded with the Department of Agriculture to find a source for birds. He learned from the Department of Agriculture that at that time there was not one Araucana in the United States.

--Brower then found in an incubator catalogue a testimonial letter from a chicken breeder in Santiago, Chile, named Juan Sierra Z., who would be a source for Araucanas. Brower wrote him, and a year and a half later got a response, and learned that Araucanas, in Chile, were "exceedingly rare, if not extinct. . . even the Araucanian Indians had interbred their namesake strain with commoner kinds of chickens."

--Six months later, in the autumn of 1930, Brower's Chilean contact sent a trio to Brower "with the next boat sailing. The 3 birds are all different in colour, as it is impossible to secure birds alike as no one in the country breeds them pure, and these are best can be obtaining."

--Over the next 18 years, Brower developed two strains of Araucanas. One strain was "pure Araucana--or as pure as the mixed nature of his original Chilean birds would permit." The other strain was "about seven-eighths this [pure Chilean] strain and one-eighth a mixture of other breeds from various parts of the world--the vigorous and colorful Red Cuban Game and Silver Duckwing Game, the big, hardy Brahma and

the prolific Barred Plymouth Rock (both of which lay brownish or pinkish eggs), Rhode Island Red, Cornish Game, and a dash of Silver Spangled Hamburg, ornamental, good-laying Ancona, and White and Brown Leghorn. The latter mixture is the strain Brower calls the Easter egg chicken because, strangely, it produces a higher percentage of colored eggs than the one with more Araucana blood and the colors are more varied, often including pinkish eggs as well as blue or green ones."

--In Brower's 18 years of breeding, only one rumpless chicken appeared "and that one, a rooster, was killed by a car in 1945 before it could be bred."

--Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and Vice-Chairman of the National Geographic Society's Research Committee said: "In early February, 1928, I received a hen of this variety [Araucana] and several eggs from a friend in Valparaiso, Chile. A rooster and a hen from the same source came to me the following July."

--Dr. Wetmore also noted: "Bluish eggs are common on the west coast of South America. You find them in markets from Valparaiso north to Callao, Peru. They are reported even to Panama. . . [H]ens laying blue eggs were mentioned as long ago as 1880 in reports on the Indians of southern Chile."

--In 1948 there were several breeders of Araucanas in the United States and there was an Araucana Club, headed by Ivan N. Cuthbert, of East Ann Arbor, MI, "who is attempting to standardize the breed."

--In 1948, Dr. M. A. Jull (author of the April 1927 *The National Geographic Magazine* article on Araucanas) was the head of the Department of Poultry Husbandry at the University of Maryland. Dr. Jull noted, in 1948, that "the shell of a blue, green, or olive egg has the color all the way through. . . even on the inside."

--In his 1948 article, Vosburgh reports: "Bostonians, Brower knew, like brown eggs, while white eggs sell best in New York City."

Rings on their Ears by Kathy Brunson is a good source book for information on Araucanas. It's available for \$19 from Araucana Club of America, 11638 North 600 West, Frankton, IN 46044.

Standard Cornish

On page 1 of the August 3, 1950 issue of *Poultry Press*, the following notice from the editor, Mr. Delancey, is published:

Thanks, Mr. Romig

Dear Mr. Delancey:

Enclosed you will find money order for my classified adv. for next year. I just could not stay in the Cornish business without that adv. in *Poultry Press*.

Arthur L. Romig.

Arthur L. Romig is the father of the Rev. Roland Romig. In the classified ad section of the same issue of *Poultry Press*, on p. 7, there are 19 ads from breeders who have standard Cornish for sale. Here is Arthur Romig's ad:

BREEDER of White, Dark, Buff and White-Laced Red Cornish. Arthur L. Romig, Winfield, Pa.

Avian Influenza

For the latest information on the avian influenza situation in Pennsylvania, go to the webpage of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture:

www.agriculture.state.pa.us

and click on "Avian Influenza."

The situation changes almost daily in Pennsylvania and it's hard to keep up with the latest developments.

On February 16 and 17, on behalf of the exhibition poultry industry, S. Robert Powell wrote two letters to the Dr. John I. Enck (Pennsylvania state veterinarian and director of the Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services). Powell also sent

copies of those two letters to Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Dennis C. Wolff.

In the February 16 letter, Powell stated, among other things, that the exhibition poultry industry in Pennsylvania would like to establish an effective working relationship, founded on openness and trust, with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Such a relationship, Powell added, would (1) make it possible for the exhibition poultry industry to regain its financial sustainability and profitability, (2) allow poultry 4-H and youth program education and poultry exhibitions to continue in Pennsylvania, and (3) restore lost agricultural commerce and tourism to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the February 17th letter, Powell brought to the attention of Dr. Enck the fact that the cancellation notice, on February 12, 2004, of all poultry exhibitions in Pennsylvania, in response to the discovery of H2N2 avian influenza in a Mount Joy, Lancaster County flock of production poultry negatively impacts the exhibition poultry industry in Pennsylvania in no less than four significant ways: (1) it implies, erroneously, that there is an immediate and direct relationship / interaction between the production poultry industry and the exhibition poultry industry; (2) it conveys the impression, erroneously, to the general public that the dangers to the production poultry industry in Pennsylvania are caused by the exhibition poultry industry and that by closing down the exhibition poultry industry that the problem can be solved; (3) it negatively impact the financial sustainability and profitability of Pennsylvania's exhibition poultry industry; and (4) it shuts down 4-H and youth poultry program education throughout the commonwealth.

Both letters, in entirety, are given on the APA District 2 webpage: go to the homepage of the APA: www.ampltya.com and click on "District Directors" and then under "District 2" on "District 2 webpage."

On February 27, at 3:30 P.M., Dr. Enck phoned Powell and said: "I'm calling

to let you know that we're going to test one more flock in the surveillance area. The others have all been low pathogenic, and if this last flock comes in low path--and we'll know on Monday--we'll be able to lift the ban on exhibitions. I'll let you know when we have the results on this last flock."

No communications of any kind have been received by Powell from Dr. Enck since that February 27 phone call.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome into membership in the EMPA :

Lew McGinnis, Post Office Box 22546, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

David C. Six, 573 Hook Lane, Lewisburg, PA 17837. 570-568-1201. Special thanks to David for the generous cash donation to the EMPA that was included with his membership check.

Breeders' List

We currently have a number of people who have submitted information for the EMPA Breeders' List. We are making a 'last call' for anyone else who wants to be included.

The list is important for a couple of reasons. First of all, it lets people in the club know what other members are raising and where to go within the club for breeding, replacement, or show birds. Secondly, it provides a source of information that especially our young members and new people to poultry can go to for advice on raising a particular breed.

Some people are listing specific information about themselves. For example, they might be poultry technicians, District representatives of national clubs, etc. All of this is helpful. This list will be kept updated and we will publish it twice a year (in the Spring and again in the Fall) to members. It

will be a useful tool in selling some of your birds. It's free advertising. Just send your name, address, phone number and/or email address, the breeds that you raise, and any other information you would like to: Ron Stiles RR2 Box 2208 Hallstead, Pa. 18822 or e-mail to dstiles@epix.net. Remember, this is last call for the spring listing.

Breed Profile: The Beltsville Small White Turkey

By

**Bonnie Meikle
Ponoka, Alberta**

with permission from the STPA *Gobbler*



A Beltsville hen

Photo © Watt Publishing, courtesy *Turkey World* magazine, Dec. 1955 issue

Yes, Beltsville White could be considered a variety from the past, but there is still so much interest and discussion about it, that I thought it would be a good idea to profile it in this issue of the STPA *Gobbler*. Sheane and I were fortunate

to have found a stack of old *Turkey World* magazines to purchase, and there are some interesting snippets of information about the Beltsvilles in them. There isn't a great degree of the historical information of the birds, but there is some interesting information there, all the same.

I'll briefly sum up their history here. The cover of the July, 1953 issue of *Turkey World* magazine shows a photo of Stanley Marsden holding a Beltsville turkey; the caption says, "Stanley J. Marsden, USDA, Father of the Beltsville White." In 1929 Mr. Marsden joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry staff as the poultry husbandryman at the U.S. Range Livestock Experiment Station at Miles City, Montana. Here, he researched flock improvement. Some readers may be familiar with the book called *Turkey Management* which he co-authored with J. Holmes Martin, and he also helped to establish the National Turkey Improvement Plan.

In the early 1930s there was a strong consumer demand for turkeys that weren't too large. Marsden conferred with Morley A. Jull, who was in charge of poultry investigations for the Bureau of Animal Industry, and the two men planned the development a smaller turkey. In 1935, experimental turkey work and the flocks were moved to the newly rebuilt research center at Beltsville, Maryland. Morley Jull, Theodore C. Byerly, and Charles W. Knox were all early contributors to the Beltsville White's development.

The actual development spanned over approximately 6 years of crossing several varieties of turkeys: bronze, midget bronze, White Holland, Narragansett, Black, wild, and White Austrian (a small-type turkey which was imported from Scotland). In an effort to increase the distribution of and interest in the new small turkeys, the Bureau contributed eggs, poults, and breeding stock to all of the cooperating state experiment stations and some other institutions. These stations, in turn, distributed stock to experienced commercial turkey breeders. The Bureau's efforts succeeded, and at the time the article was written, Beltsville Whites were being raised and sold for slaughter in almost every American state. In fact, there were 15 million Beltsvilles sold in supermarkets in 1952, and they had the distinction of being the only nationally sold turkey that was sold in stores by their variety name. Even now, people buy 'turkey' at the grocery store, and not 'broad breasted White' turkeys. Beltsville White turkeys became popular with the consumers, and they sold very well. Prime market weights were 10 or

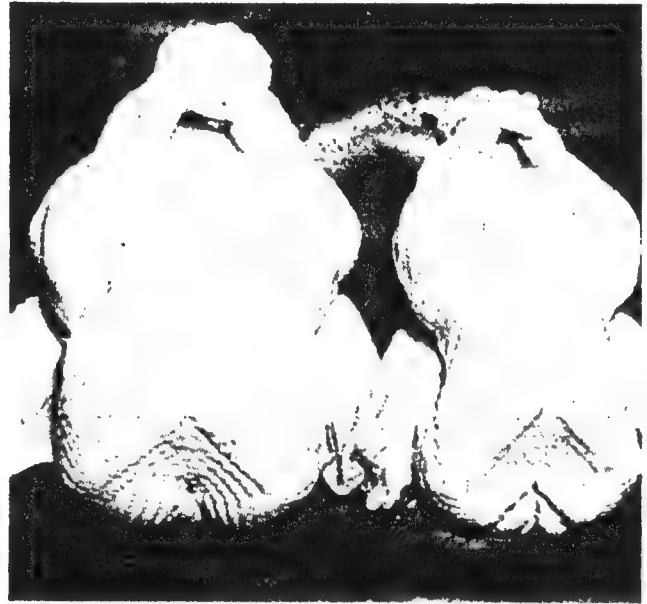
11 pounds for hens, and 17 to 20 pounds for toms. Some were slaughtered at lighter weights as 'fryer' turkeys at 5 to 7 pounds live weight, and at this weight their feed conversion was 2.5 to 2.8 pounds of feed consumed per pound of weight gained. The American Poultry Association accepted the Beltsville White turkey into the Standard of Perfection in 1953.

It is unfortunate that their popularity was short lived. In the latest of our *Turkey World* magazines (December 1955) there is a slightly sad, but enlightening article called, "Don't Count the Beltsvilles Out -- Beltsvilles never had a fair chance under the abusive exploitation that they have suffered." The huge increase in popularity made more producers want to buy breeding stock. The stringent standards which the Beltsvilles were bred to initially were not adhered to by most of these breeders. They didn't painstakingly select the most appropriate birds for breeding, and as a result, the quality of the carcasses that were most readily available began to deteriorate. Since there were so many of these types of breeders around, Beltsville hatching eggs often fetched only 15 to 20¢ each, compared to 40¢ to \$1 per egg for large turkeys.

Beltsvilles took from 24 to 26 weeks to reach roaster weight, and the 'new' broad breasted white turkeys (BBWhite) that came into popularity could reach the weights at earlier ages. There still were consumers who wanted a finer boned smaller turkey, but the overall decrease in quality of the Beltsvilles and the appearance of the cheaper BBWhite were enough to drive the small white turkeys out of the popular market place.

There were other small turkeys developed to fill the "small turkey niche." The Jersey Buff, White Midget, and the midget Bronze are a few familiar varieties which experienced popularity, although never as strong as the Beltsvilles did. Unless there are a flock or two of Beltsvilles hiding somewhere, the only known flocks that are left in existence right now are closed experimental breeding flocks; none of these birds are available to the public, as they are being studied for the higher degree of parthenogenesis they posses (hens can produce some fertile eggs without exposure to a tom). ALL SMALL WHITE TURKEYS that are being shown and sold as Beltsville White turkeys can be traced to the flock of (Wisconsin) White Midgets. The Midgets are a good quality small turkey which are fine eating birds, but there are some slight differences between these and the Beltsville of old days (which were broader breasted, squatter birds).

It would seem that "Beltsville" has become a generic term for "small white turkey." If I were one of the people who developed the White Midget turkey, it might grate on my nerves to have them called "Beltsvilles" all the time by the well-meaning public. The APA's Standard description for Beltsville Whites doesn't make a distinction for the heritage of the small white turkeys being shown, so there is encouragement in the show ring to call any small white turkey a "Beltsville." Will this be likely to change in the future? Probably not. Speaking for myself, I will always call a Midget a Midget, and remind people of the Beltsville's proud, but brief history.



Beltsville carcasses

The bigger one is of a hen who is closer to the original Beltsville standard. The small one is a lower quality Beltsville hen -- the type that was largely responsible for the Beltsville's downfall.

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[Special thanks to Tom Lipiec for sending in this article on Beltsville turkeys.]

Minutes of EMPA Meeting, February 14, 2004

The meeting at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, was called to order at noon by president Dave Stiles. Present were: Harold Alesky, Tom Lipiec, Dave Stiles, Ron Stiles, Bob Simons, Rev. Roland Romig, Stan Foster, Kathy Schofield, Jessica Sartell, Judy Sartell, Mark Sartell,

Merl Rynearson, Bess Rynearson, Bill Goff, and S. Robert Powell.

It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (Judy Sartell) that the minutes of the January 17, 2004 meeting, as published on pages 4-6 of the February 7, 2004 *EMPA Newsletter* be approved as published. The motion carried.

The treasurer reported that there is presently a balance of \$289.16 in the EMPA's checking account. It was regularly moved (R. Stiles) and seconded (Alesky) that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Dave Stiles presented copies of the proposed EMPA by-laws and asked for any additions or clarifications thereto. Two or three suggestions were made, and Dave said he will incorporate those suggestions and present a final copy of the by-laws at the March meeting, at which time the association will vote on the proposed EMPA by-laws.

Dave also presented an update on the avian influenza situation in Pennsylvania and said that we would have to wait and see what happens in the next couple of months before we decide for certain whether we will hold our auction (April 10) and show (June 12).

Ron Stiles distributed breeders' directory forms to the members present and asked them to fill them out. A request for members to fill out a breeders' directory form will be published in the March 2004 *EMPA Newsletter*.

Rev. Romig reported that "we're worse off now than we were two weeks ago" as far as the avian influenza situation in Pennsylvania. He said that we're being discriminated against as a group and that we should probably bring a law suit against the PDA for damages incurred by us exhibition poultry fanciers in the commonwealth.

Rev. Romig suggested that at the EMPA auction in April that each seller be encouraged to handle his own birds and they move through the sale process.

Tom Lipiec reported that he had recently made many phone calls to

agricultural officials in Pennsylvania and New York on behalf of the exhibition poultry industry. He has learned (1) that Pennsylvania will test blood from out-of-state birds if the blood is drawn by a qualified person, (2) that Dr. Schmucker suggests that we not test our show birds, rather that we test birds from our flocks (test 10 to 20 birds) that we will not actually show; and (3) that the 10-day test could be waived in a state-sponsored AI monitoring program.

Rev. Romig reported (1) that Dr. Henzler says that the blood must be drawn by a licensed poultry technician, and (2) that California and Florida don't want the USDA involved in testing because they fear USDA regulations will cause a relaxation in their bio-security measures. "The USDA will get involved if it involves more than one state."

Judy Sartell reported that she has received three more meets since our last meeting for our June 12 show.

It was regularly moved (Tom Lipiec, membership committee chairman) and seconded (Romig) that all those persons who have applied for membership in the EMPA in the period November 22, 2003--February 14, 2004 be accepted and declared to be charter members of the EMPA. The motion carried.

Robert Powell reported that the EMPA's full-page ad (ads from Stiles, Waldau, Rynearson, Sartell, Powell, Lipiec) for the 2004 *APA Yearbook* was mailed to the APA on January 30, 2004. Robert also reported that articles by the Rev. Romig, Tom Lipiec, and S. Robert Powell will also be published in the 2004 *APA Yearbook*.

Robert also reported that Dave Stiles' article titled "Score Cards Will Be Used at EMPA Show" was published, pp. 8-9, of the February 2004 *Poultry Press*; also that the article titled "Male Bird Derby at EMPA Show" will be published in the March 2004 *Poultry Press*.

Robert also reported that he had created a webpage for the EMPA and that the address is:

Background information about the EMPA, an announcement of the next meeting of the association, and a membership application form are given on the EMPA webpage.

With no additional business to discuss, it was regularly moved (Simons) and seconded (Alesky) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, secretary

Scranton Pigeon Club

By S. Robert Powell

On Sunday, November 23, 2003, at 2 P.M., I attended a program at the Lackawanna Historical Society on the Scranton Pigeon Club.

The program was presented by Leonard Yarish, who lives at Justus Corners (Route 347N), and whose phone number is 570-587-4433.

Mr. Yarish has been a member of the club since 1945, when he joined at age 17. Before that he belonged to the South Scranton Pigeon Club. At first the Scranton Pigeon Club was affiliated with the American Racing Pigeon Union. Now it is affiliated with the International Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, Inc., Post Office Box 374, Hicksville, NY 11802. www.IFpigeon.com.

There are about 10 active flyers in the Scranton Pigeon Club at present. In the period 1945-2003, Mr. Yarish has missed only one of the club's races--and that was because he was in the Navy in 1946.

Mr. Yarish owns a very impressive collection of certificates from the Lackawanna-Luzerne Racing Pigeon Concourse.

Mr. Yarish noted that restrictive ordinances are the biggest problem that pigeon breeders and flyers have to face these days. The hobby got a lot of negative publicity, he pointed out, about 1950 from a

syndicated journalist, Inez Robb, who called pigeons dirty.

Racing pigeon timing clocks cost about \$18 in the early 1940s; now they cost about \$500-\$750 (electronic quartz clocks). It costs about \$2.25 to run bands through these new clocks.

Mr. Yarish noted that the Swiss, French, and Israeli armies still use Racing Homers. At rest, the heart of a Racing Homer beats 200 times per minute; in flight, about 600 beats per minute.

The former clubhouse of the Scranton Pigeon Club still stands: up on the hill above what many of us still refer to as "the Circle" (where Route 6 joins with the Scranton Expressway; there used to be a large traffic circle there, with an anthracite coal monument in the middle thereof).

Bantam, Java

No, that's not bantam Javas. It's Bantam, Java.

Bantam is a place on the island of Java--and it wouldn't surprise me to learn that that's where we got our modern term "bantam" from.

In the February 2004 issue of *History Today* (p. 8), the following notice is given:

News

A handful of 17th-century coins discovered in the mud banks of the River Thames last year have been identified as the earliest ever example to be minted in Java. Bantam, in southern Java, became an extremely wealthy region because of the variety of goods sold by merchants and its location between the Indian Ocean and South China Sea. The original value of the coins is a mystery. It is believed the treasure came to London in this first period of British trade and was probably accidentally dropped in the river. The coins can be seen in the Museum of Docklands. (December 1st).

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Behemoth

We read the following notice in the Greenfield column (Greenfield is a township near Carbondale) in the May 11, 1886 issue (p. 4) of the *Carbondale Leader*:

Henry Oakley has in his poultry yard a species of the Russian Turkey tribe weighing 89 1/4 pounds, and only one year old. If anyone can beat that in this county we would like to hear from them.

2004 APA Annual Meeting

The 2004 APA annual meeting will take place October 23-24 in Syracuse at the Yankee Classic. This will be a very large show, with exhibitors from all over North America.

There are many opportunities available for the EMPA to get involved with this important show. As an association, we must get involved with this very high profile/high visibility national show.

Orlowskis Win Big

At the Northeastern Poultry Congress in West Springfield, MA on January 17-18, 2004, in the junior show, Sara Orlowski had Grand Champion Bantam on a Black Cochin cockerel and John Orlowski had Grand Champion Standard on a Black Australorp cockerel. Congratulations Sara and John! See photos on page 53 of the March 2004 *Poultry Press*.

See also John Orlowski's monthly column in the March 2004 issue of *Poultry Press* on page 26. Lots of good advice there.

Familiar Faces at Boston

EMPA members Rev. Roland Romig and S. Robert Powell both judged at this show (see photo on page 25 of the March 2004 issue of *Poultry Press*).

At this show, Tom Lipiec had Champion Continental on a Welsummer hen; also Reserve AOSB on a B. B. Red

Shamo cock, and Reserve AOCCL on a Spangled Malay cockerel.

Kyle and Deb Yacobucci had Reserve Champion Heavy Goose on a Brown African old goose; Reserve Champion Medium Duck on a Buff Young Drake; Reserve Champion Continental on a Salmon Faverolles pullet; also BB and RB Pekin.

John Orlowski had Champion and Reserve Junior Bird; Champion and Reserve Junior Large Fowl on a Black Australorp; also Champion Junior Pigeon; and Champion Junior Showmanship.

Guinea Fowl Sponsors

Want to sponsor one of the pictures of Helmeted Guinea Fowl in the next edition of the APA's *American Standard of Perfection*? The cost is \$100 per picture and you get to keep the picture after it's published in the Standard. Contact Rev. Roland Romig or S. Robert Powell if you're interested.

Three of the pictures already have sponsors: Pearl hen (S. R. Powell), Lavender cock (Jamie Carson), and Lavender hen (Rev. Roland Romig).

Still available are Pearl cock, White cock, and White hen.

Spreading the Word

It's important that we keep the name of the Endless Mountains Poultry Association in front of the public.

In the February 2004 *Poultry Press* (pp. 8-9) Dave Stiles' article titled "Score Cards Will Be Used at Harford Show" was published. In the March 2004 *Poultry Press* (pp. 6-7), S. R. Powell's article titled "Male Bird Derby at EMPA Show" was published.

When someone asks you about the EMPA, don't forget to direct them to the EMPA webpage:

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Endless Mountains Poultry Association

Susquehanna County 4-H Fancy Feathers Poultry Club

Serving the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Beyond

President: David Stiles

First Vice-President: Rev. Roland Romig

Second Vice-President: Tom Lipiec

Secretary/Treasurer: S. Robert Powell

Directors: Harold Alesky, Bob Simons

Youth Coordinators: Jessica Sartell, Beth Page

POULTRY AUCTION, April 10, 2004

The Endless Mountains Poultry Association / the Susquehanna County 4-H Fancy Feathers Club would like permission from the Harford Fair to sponsor a live-bird poultry auction on the Harford Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 10, 2004. The event will begin at 8 A.M. and conclude in mid-afternoon. We would like to hold the event in the area of the cattle barn.

POULTRY SHOW, June 12, 2004

The Endless Mountains Poultry Association / the Susquehanna County 4-H Fancy Feathers Club would like permission from the Harford Fair to sponsor a poultry show in the poultry building on the Harford Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12, 2004. The event will begin at 8 A.M. and conclude in late afternoon. We would also like to set up poultry displays inside a building. The Bingo Building would be ideal for these displays.

These two events would both be daytime events, with minimum use of electrical power. We would not use any of the Fair's food stands. We will be responsible for all cleanup and garbage removal from the Fairgrounds. Bob Simons, Ron Stiles, Judy Sartell, and S. Robert Powell--among many other members of the Harford community--will be present throughout both of these events.

Liability Insurance to Cover these Events:

The Endless Mountains Poultry Association / the Susquehanna County 4-H Fancy Feathers Club would like to provide liability insurance coverage for these two events through a rider on the Harford Fair's liability insurance policy (such as is done by rabbit associations when hosting rabbit shows on the Harford Fairgrounds).

Endless Mountains Poultry Association

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Newsletter

S. Robert Powell, Editor

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April 15, 2004

Next EMPA Meeting

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2004, beginning at noon, at the Endless Mountains Restaurant in Clifford, PA.

EMPA Summer Poultry Show

The inaugural EMPA poultry show will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2004, on the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County, PA (Exit 217 off Interstate 81).

The entry fee is \$2 per bird; \$1 for juniors. The judges will be Paul Kroll (bantams), Rick Porr (standard chickens), Rev. Roland Romig (waterfowl and turkeys), and Jamie Matts (junior showmanship).

The show secretary is Judy Sartell: 570-756-2447 or buckwheat@epix.net.

Congratulations Jessica!

EMPA member Jessica Sartell, a ninth grader at Mountain View High School, has been competing this winter in the Mid-Atlantic Snowboarding Series (Camelback, Roundtop, Wisp Ski Resort) and has won gold medals in slalom and giant slalom.

She competed in the 2004 USASA National Snowboarding Championship finals at Angel Fire Ski Resort, New Mexico (March 21-28), placing 4th (out of 32) in the giant slalom and 9th (out of 29) in the slalom. She also received 5th Overall Alpine Ranking in girls age 14-15.

Congratulations Jessica on those very impressive wins!

Angel Fire is located in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range in northern New

Mexico, in a valley in a valley that was inhabited by the Ute Indians as far back as the eighteenth century.

Jessica also applied for a scholarship and received \$200, the highest amount in her 9th grade that the USASA Snowboarding Association awards.

While out West, Jessica also traveled to Wolf Creek Ski Resort in Colorado and snowboarded there (109 inches of snow); she also visited the Petrified Forest in Arizona.

Jessica, a member of 4-H, is also very active in showing horses, cattle, and poultry. She is the president of the Fancy Feathers 4-H Poultry Club, a member of the EMPA, the ABA, the APA, the American Silkie Club, and the Antwerp Belgian Club.

MEDIA NOTE: These snowboarding competitions in which Jessica participated will be the subject of a one-hour special on Fox Sports on April 30th. Tune in. Look for Jessica.

Partridge Rocks

Sam A. Noftzger (Wabash, Indiana) created standard Partridge Plymouth Rocks. He died on March 23, 1951, at the age of 85. The obituary given below, by Harry Atkins, was published in the April 21, 1951 issue (p. 3) of *Poultry Press*:

Sam A. Noftzger Taken by Death

Veteran Breeder and Originator
of Partridge Rocks Dies at
Age of 85 Years

Samuel A. Noftzger, 1036 Pike St.,
Wabash, Indiana, aged eighty-five
years, died on Good Friday, March

23. He was born on a farm near North Manchester, Indiana, and was very active in the production and exhibition of Standard-Bred Poultry. His most notable achievement was the making and producing of the Partridge Plymouth Rocks, a breed which became very widely known and very popular.

Mr. Nofztger was very active in the poultry world from 1900 to 1920, showing a complete string of his birds as many fairs. He had been a member of the American Poultry Association for almost fifty years. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of North Manchester and was affiliated with the Lutheran Church. For many years he was associated with his father in the hardware business.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 26th at the Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester, Ind.

HARRY ATKINS.

Calendar Girl

We received a copy of the 2004 Avian Health calendar in the mail recently and were very pleased to see that the December photo is a beautiful Buff Brahma female that was raised by Jackie and Vanessa Koedatich.

My guess is that this same Brahma female has also been seen by many of us on champions row. Very nice: a beautiful photograph of a beautiful bird.

We're Making Progress

In the March 2004 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter* (pp. 2-3), we reported that Robert Powell had written two letters in February to Dr. John I. Enck, Jr., the Pennsylvania state veterinarian and director of the PDA's Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services about the avian influenza problem in Pennsylvania. Copies of both of those letters were sent to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Dennis C. Wolff.

In the February 16 letter, Powell stated, among other things, that the exhibition poultry industry in Pennsylvania would like to establish an effective working relationship, founded on openness and trust,

with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Such a relationship, Powell added, would (1) make it possible for the exhibition poultry industry to regain its financial sustainability and profitability, (2) allow poultry 4-H and youth program education and poultry exhibitions to continue in Pennsylvania, and (3) restore lost agricultural commerce and tourism to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the February 17th letter, Powell brought to the attention of Dr. Enck the fact that the cancellation notice, on February 12, 2004, of all poultry exhibitions in Pennsylvania, in response to the discovery of H2N2 avian influenza in a Mount Joy, Lancaster County flock of production poultry negatively impacts the exhibition poultry industry in Pennsylvania in no less than four significant ways: (1) it implies, erroneously, that there is an immediate and direct relationship / interaction between the production poultry industry and the exhibition poultry industry; (2) it conveys the impression, erroneously, to the general public that the dangers to the production poultry industry in Pennsylvania are caused by the exhibition poultry industry and that by closing down the exhibition poultry industry that the problem can be solved; (3) it negatively impacts the financial sustainability and profitability of Pennsylvania's exhibition poultry industry; and (4) it shuts down 4-H and youth poultry program education throughout the commonwealth.

On March 22, 2004, Powell received a reply from Dr. Enck (reprinted herein on page 8).

One of the very important aspects of Dr. Enck's reply to Powell is that (to quote directly from Dr. Enck's letter) "the Department of Agriculture is increasingly becoming familiar with both the heritage you speak of in poultry genetics and the rearing of specialty exhibition fowl."

Education. Education. Education. As exhibition poultry people, we have to teach others, including the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, who we are and what we do.

Another important aspect of Dr. Enck's reply to Powell is that Dr. Enck indicates that both he and the Department of Agriculture now recognize that we, the exhibition poultry community, are an integral component of the Pennsylvania poultry industry. The third paragraph of his letter begins with this sentence: "Naturally, the Department of Agriculture is hesitant to place restrictions on any part of the poultry industry--either commercial, breeding or exhibition poultry, which affects growers adversely."

The central point to these comments is this: Only by educating elected and appointed state officials about who we are and what we do will we be recognized by them--and by the general public--as equal partners at the table with all other players in the poultry industry in discussions of and decisions relating to state and federal poultry health regulations.

Waterfowl, Turkey, Pigeon Building at Harford

In late March, the Board of Directors of the Harford Agricultural Society received the very wonderful news that their request to the Pennsylvania Fair Fund for matching funds (\$13,551.06) to construct a waterfowl-turkey-pigeon building on the Harford Fairgrounds had been approved.

The \$26,000+ building will be constructed this summer and will be ready for occupancy by the time of the Harford Fair in August.

This new waterfowl-turkey-pigeon building, together with the existing Cecil E. Rose Poultry Building on the Harford Fairgrounds, will make Harford a very important center for exhibition poultry, not only in Pennsylvania but also in the northeast.

Alex Duffy Remembers

Given below are some reminiscences of the New York State Fair "of 25 years ago" that were written down by Alex Duffy and published in the November 22, 1951 issue (p. 4) of *Poultry Press*:

Reminiscences Of the Past

Alex Duffy, Cochlin Club Secretary,
Reviews New York State
Fair of 25 Years Ago

The most lonesome place in the world is a poultry show the day it closes. A group of Fanciers consisting of "Unk" Gus Braun, "Charlie" Burmaster, Harold McKone, "Herb" Comstock, "Herbie" Braun and "yours truly," were sitting in the nearly vacant poultry building at the New York State Fair and started reminiscing of bygone Fanciers and Judges who once thronged the aisles of this huge building.

Let us wander back through the years to some of these shows whose exhibitors and officials were at the top of the list in Standard-Bred poultry. The year is 1926 and the hall is filled to capacity. Let's just walk around and see some of the concessions. Here is Poultry Press, even then shouldering the load for the Fancier and the breeders of Standard-Bred Poultry. Frank DeLancey, Sr., founder of Poultry Press and his son Ellis, seem very busy writing up new subscribers and advertisements. Frank DeLancey passed on in 1928 and now, the young lad who accompanied him in 1926 has taken his place as Editor and Publisher of the Press and as need not be told the reader of this publication, is doing a grand job, assisted by his two able sons, "Bob" and "Dick" and the other members of his family.

We see Fred Groesbeck and his feather flowers. The display is beautiful and business seems brisk here also, as Fred treats each purchase with a dash of perfume before he hands it over to the customer. Wm. H. Manning is the commissioner in charge, "Link" Orr is superintendent, W. M. Anderson the assistant superintendent and Barney Mosher the superintendent of cooping.

What a flood of memories this State Fair staff brings back. Mr. Manning, a fine scholarly gentleman, going out of his way to make his show a success. "Link" Orr (the one and only), capable and with enough "Blarney" to satisfy everyone. "Bill" Anderson, a very efficient person for his job. Barney Mosher (good old Barney), always having things in hand, it seemed, with the least possible effort. Prize money for the show is \$7,228.50 and what a staff of judges. Let's go over and meet some of these fellows who are placing awards.

Here is a young fellow on a class of Rocks and doing a swell job. Looks rather young, you think. Well, he is and his name is "Al" Braun, Jr. (Young "Al"), and he is very old in chicken sense. In the next aisle, the man doing the Cornish classes is Fred Bohrer, an outstanding authority and Judge on not only these but all breeds. Let's look at this R. C. White Leghorn class, being done so beautifully by M. L. Chapman, noted judge and breeder.

Next, here is a big class of Hamburgs and look who is doing the judging.—J. H. "Drev" Drevenstedt, one of the greatest of them all. The class of Orpingtons has some of the greatest in the country and Paul Ives has a real job on his hands. Now, an outstanding class of Brown and Buff Leghorns and the tall fine looking man in the duster is none other than Harry Lamon.

The man doing the Game Bantams looks very familiar and is, of course, Fred Otte, famous judge and long-time show official. The person in front of the Light Brahmas, quite a dashing looking young fellow, is Harvey Wood, who also raises some of the best in this breed. Over here in another Bantam aisle is one of the real "toppers" in judging, C. E. "Rocky" Rockenstyre. And, what a pleasure to watch him. And, of course, the man doing the Houdans is well known to nearly every Fancier in the country—John C. Kriner, "Old John" as he is affectionately known.

Here also, in other aisles, we find Walter Young doing the Wyandottes; Rice on White Leghorns; T. H. Hazlett on White Rocks and the famous L. D. Howell also on Wyandottes. And over here in the Waterfowl department, A. G. Taylor, a brother Canadian Judge.

Let's also look at a few of the exhibitors we knew then. John Knox, famous Rock breeder from Buffalo; L. C. Allen of Partridge Rock fame and Gus Eiler and Oren Hanes in Buff Rocks. Then, we see Homer Wilson and Gus Braun with those good Columbian Rocks. Even our good friend, Kenneth Bowles, looking more like a school boy and even then tough to beat, is here. Frank Broughton, one of Buff Leghorns best, showing and winning. The nationally known Wilburtha Poultry Farms are showing in many breeds and Elm Farm (Southwick & Son) with a fine large string.

Over here in Hamburg Alley, we find Elmer Wert and those good birds of his, long a fixture at the show. And

"Billy" Smith, another of the "Old-timers" with a fine string. Down the line we see John Martin, Canadian member of Parliament and noted White Wyandotte breeder. "Old Al" Braun, one of the finest breeders and judges in the game, just as active in promoting Standard Poultry today as he was in those days of long ago. And C. J. Shelmidine with a good string from up in my country. Who is that we see waiting for the judge to finish that grand class of Dorkings? None other than Watson Westfall, one of the great names connected with the breed.

Also showing various breeds were Perry & Rose Fish, "Phil" Hanlon, Frank Eckert, Frank Farley, Larry Platz, "Mal" Fellows, Lynn Fitch, Leo Gibbs, "Abe" Goethals, "Joe" Kren, "Lou" Perry, "Dan" Bristol, Pliny Riggs, Harold Shuert, Van Sutliff, George Montgomery, Lyle Gifford and "The Fays." Some of these have passed on but many are still active in the game today and among exhibitors at the present New York State Fair shows.

What a show and what a fine group of people helping in the various ways to put it on.

As these scenes fade and we come back to the empty hall again, it seems more forlorn than before. We have to mention some of the famous breeders and exhibitors we could remember. Any omissions were not intentional as there were many who showed that we could not remember.

Although looking back is frowned upon in some circles, what a treat to just remember fleetingly, some of these "Old-Timers." Many indeed have "passed on" but I'm sure that the Poultry Fancy will never entirely forget them.

May our shows go on indefinitely.

ALEX DUFFY.

Turkey Calling Contest

There will be a turkey calling contest at this year's Harford Fair. The event will take place in the Shade Pavilion (at the top of the hill, just across from Floral Hall) on Saturday, August 21, from noon to 2 P.M.

This is prime time, in a prime location! This is the kind of event that makes the Harford Fair so special.

The contest will be run by Quaker Boy - Pro Staffer Jim Gilbert (607-775-

4349, bigbass215@yahoo.com). There is no entry fee. Registration is from 11:30 to noon. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places. There will be a display/set-up in the Poultry Building from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

There will be three divisions: senior, ages 13-16, and age 12 and under.

The four calls to be performed: yelp of a hen, assembly of a hen, cutting of a hen, and caller's best call.

Financial Report April 10, 2004 EMPA Auction

Deposit in EMPA account on 04-12-04 of all cash and checks received at auction: \$2,045.26

AUCTION

\$2,882.88 in sales (which includes \$436.55 received from items donated under consignor #999) = \$576.57 in commissions

Cash and checks in auction box at end of auction: \$1637.15.

Minus: \$100.00, starter cash in box; \$40.00, gas and expenses to auction cashiers; \$682.20, paid out after auction to sellers who did not pick up their money at end of auction; \$175.00, rental of sheep building and liability insurance; \$50.00, auction ad in March *Poultry Press*; \$40.00, EMPA memberships received at auction). Total: \$1,087.20

Plus: \$30.00, reimbursement from seller for overpayment due to bookkeeping error on our part; \$77.50, payments not received from three buyers at end of sale. Total: \$107.50

Profit from auction: \$1,637.15 - \$1,087.20 + \$107.50 = \$657.45

FOOD STAND

Cash in food box at end of day: \$452.50.

Minus: \$50.00, starter cash in box; \$123.00, expenses for food and supplies purchased by EMPA. Total: \$173.00

Plus: \$25, donation from Sartell family on 03-20-04. Total: \$25.00

Profit from Food Stand: \$452.50 - \$173.00 + \$25.00 = \$304.50

PROFIT FOR THE DAY: \$657.45 (auction) + \$304.50 (food stand) = \$961.95

APA Election Results

In March 2004, EMPA member S. Robert Powell was elected to his third term, as APA District 2 Director (DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, and PA).

Welcome New Members

We are very pleased to welcome into membership in the EMPA:

George Yurko, 2481 State Route 118, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 (2 years)

John L. Beaman, Post Office Box 132, Clifford, PA 18413-0132 570-222-3683.

Donald R. Perrin, 2825 Dodgeson Road, Alexander, NY 14005. 583-547-3588.

Ken Merrill, 7404 Alpine Lane, Glen Rock, PA 17327.

Fay Forward, Box 130, Bouckville, NY 13310.

Fernando Chipelo, RR 1, Box 177E, New Milford, PA 18834. 570-434-2342

Janet Healy, RR 3, Box 3605, Nicholson, PA 18446. 570-942-4401, mybunney5@aol.com (2 years)

Wendy Robinson, RR 5, Box 203-1, Montrose, PA 18801. 570-934-2803.

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Minutes of the March 20, 2004 EMPA Meeting

The March 20, 2004 meeting of the EMPA was called to order at noon by David Stiles. Present were: Bill Goff, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Romig, John Beaman, Dave Stiles, Ron Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Merl Rynearson, Bess Rynearson, Harold Alesky, Mark Sartell, Judith Sartell, Robert Simons, Joe Karpov, and S. Robert Powell.

Robert reported that EMPA member Tom Lipiec would not be present today because he is attending the Finger Lakes Feather Club meeting today, and at that meeting he will promote--and answer questions about--the EMPA.

It was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (R. Stiles) that the minutes of the February 14, 2004 meeting of the EMPA, as published on pp. 5-7 of the March 10, 2004 *EMPA Newsletter* be approved as published. The motion carried.

The treasurer reported that as of today there is a balance of \$341.76 in the EMPA checking account.

As the meeting began, John Beaman, Nicholson, PA, who became a new member of the EMPA at the meeting, was introduced to the group. John has a flock of Australorps. Also, Joe Karpov, Tunkhannock, PA, a current member of the EMPA, was introduced to the group. Joe became the guardian of the late Jim Decker's flock of Old English Game bantams, following Jim's death. Joe was at the meeting to arrange to distribute the Jim Decker games to the junior and 4-H members of the club.

Final preparations for the auction on April 10: the highest priority of the day. Reports from club members indicate that "we're ready for the auction." Rev. Romig, who will conduct the auction, said that his auction number (AU 004085) should be used in all advertisements about the auction.

Dave Stiles sponsored a two-year membership in the EMPA for George Yurko, Hunlock Creek, PA. "George has some of the best English Pouters in America these days," said David, "and he made them

by crossing Pygmy Pouters and Pomeranian Pouters."

Dave reported that he had mailed a "welcome to the club" letter to all members and that he had received some very positive feedback from members about the letter. All agreed that the welcome letter was a very good idea.

It was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (Alesky) that the applications for EMPA membership from Lew McGinnis, David C. Six, Roger Potter, and Westwind Stable be accepted. The motion carried.

It was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (Judy Sartell) that the March 20, 2004 version of the EMPA Constitution and By-Laws be accepted. The motion carried. A copy of this final--and approved--version of the Constitution and By-Laws will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*.

Ron Stiles reported that there will be a Spring and a Fall edition of the EMPA Breeders' Directory.

It was reported from the floor that there is an article on "heritage poultry" in the April 2004 issue of *Martha Stewart Living*. Judy Sartell reported that donations of bags of feed are coming in good for the show. Also that she has received coop cards from Blue Seal Feeds.

Bill Goff said that the rabbit club that he is a member of makes about \$400 on the Chinese Auction that they hold. What they do is take about \$75 from their treasury and go out and buy some nice things for the auction. "If you have nice things in the auction," said Bill, "people will buy chances."

Ron Stiles reported that Tom Richardson, Tunkhannock, is selling his entire flock of exhibition turkeys.

The group agreed to meet again immediately after the auction on April 10.

It was regularly moved (Judy Sartell) and seconded (Simons) that the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, Secretary

Minutes of the April 10, 2004

EMPA Meeting

A meeting of the EMPA was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Dave Stiles in the Sheep Building on the Harford Fairgrounds, following the EMPA inaugural auction of poultry and equipment. Present, among others, were: Bill Goff, Robert Simons, Fay Forward, Tom Lipiec, Miller E. Page, Jr., Bethany Page, Kenny Merrill, Vanessa Koedatich, Jackie Koedatich, Harold Alesky, David Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Ron Stiles, Kyle Yacobucci, the Orłowski family, Brian Pifer, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Romig, Merl Rynearson, John Beaman, Joe Karpov, the Sartell family, and S. R. Powell.

Lots of enthusiastic comments about the success of the auction and the day. "Yes, let's do it again," said many. Jackie Koedatich suggested that in the future that auction sales items be limited to poultry; she also said that she thought an auction in early November would be a good idea.

The next EMPA meeting will be at noon on May 1, at the Endless Mountains Restaurant in Clifford.

At 1:45 P.M. it was regularly moved (Alesky) and seconded (Simons) that the meeting be adjourned and that all participate in the clean up of the building and grounds. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell

Note by Secretary: By 3 P.M. the Sheep Building and grounds were all cleaned up and in perfect order and all garbage disposed of. Many hands make light work!

Coming in the May 2004 issue of the EMPA Newsletter:

EMPA Poultry Breeders' Directory

Ron Stiles, coordinator

The article about Pilgrim Geese that is given below is reprinted here from the March 27, 1952 issue (p. 5) of *Poultry Press*.

The Truth About the Pilgrim Goose

Pres. Chamberlain of the A. W. A.
Gives Some Interesting In-
formation on Them

This old and ancient breed of the common farm goose has been found in most sections of the East, Mid-West and South, and it has also been reported in South America. Apparently our variety was brought to this country by the early settlers. Oscar Grow, poultry judge, breeder and exhibitor, who developed and gave this bird its name some years ago, writes as of January, 1952:

"The original Standard for the Pilgrim scarcely fitted the breed, but it is reassuring the newly revised version should foster greater uniformity and unanimity in the future. Under the old Standard, off color in the male was treated too harshly while the color description of the female lacked definition. However, in a breed featuring sex-linked color, such as the Pilgrim, the appearance of slight suggestions of color from one sex overflowing into the other, should not be penalized too severely. Only when such transitions become too pronounced, should the specimen be condemned. Therefore, white flights in the female, while desirable, should not bar the entry from awards, when the individual is otherwise meritorious.

"Again, the variation in shades of color in the female Pilgrim will always be present in a greater or lesser degree, since there is a tendency for the younger females to run darker in shades of gray than the adult geese. Furthermore, a certain degree of tolerance should be allowed just as in judging of cattle and hogs. In the judging of Waterfowl, the same rules should prevail as in the judging of other Standard bred poultry: viz, shape or type should prevail over color, within reasonable limits."

These statements are very encouraging to the breeders but are hardly helpful to those who are striving for perfection.

Paul Ives, Past President of the American Waterfowl Association and a great admirer of this variety, gave the breed quite a bit of publicity in his recent book on "Ducks & Geese." Mr. Ives was able to procure some of these birds. Since then, many breeders and exhibitors have developed

flocks, with each flock having its own physical characteristics.

Mr. Robert Dunlop of New York, quite a student and collector of rare poultry books, could find no mention of this variety for the past hundred years, nor was there mention of any similar breed. While this breed has been admitted to the Standard of Perfection of the American Poultry Association, there seems to be very few birds that can approach this Standard. The new revision, as suggested by Mr. Grow, will go a long way toward uniformity of the breed as developed by various breeders.

The popularity of the Pilgrim is unquestionably due to the sex-link characteristic of the White gander and Gray goose. This gives the farm breeder a chance to properly mate his geese and sell or market his surplus ganders.

It is easy to explain why our Waterfowl judges have such difficulty in selecting and placing Pilgrim Geese in our Waterfowl shows. First, each breeder's flock has its own definite type, color, size and other physical characteristics. May I explain in this fashion: I purchased a trio of Pilgrim Geese from a flock that had not been contaminated with other Waterfowl for the past twenty years. The females were dark gray in back and in flight feathers. The weight of ganders was eight pounds. Another pair of these birds was purchased from the East. The female was a beautiful blue-gray with some white on the face and neck. The weight was eleven pounds. The gander was a pure white—had almost no gray in back and on wings—and weighed thirteen pounds. These were progeny of original Ives flock. Here are two examples of different sections of the country.

Second: There has been such a big demand for Pilgrim Geese that any birds that resembled a Pilgrim were sold. The remark was soon coined: "Funny thing, but my gander is now laying eggs." This statement is not made with the thought that breeders sell small female Emden or Roman Geese for ganders, but to emphasize the difficulty in identifying the Pilgrim gander from other white varieties. Several breeders claim brown eyes in their ganders but the majority have blue eyes.

Third: Pilgrim Geese have two characteristics that are not common in similar birds. Pilgrims will fly when frightened, rising six to thirty feet and going for distances up to two or three hundred feet. Another habit the Pilgrim gander has, is of squatting and playing possum when he is cornered. The Emden, in the same situation, will fight and try to escape.

Fourth: The bone structure of the Pilgrim is much smaller than that of the small Emden and Toulouse.

At the 1951 meeting for goose growers held at Cornell where seventy-eight were present, there were more individuals raising Pilgrims than any other breed. This brings up an important fact—that there must be a standardization of this breed so that all breeders will be able to develop similar type, color, size and weight. I have suggested that a "Judges Seminar" be held at the Honesdale Meet, where all judges grade the birds as outlined in the Standard of Perfection, so that the winners can definitely be identified as representing the typical Standard Pilgrim. Winners by this method would represent the choice of many judges and would not be just one man's opinion. This would be most helpful in educating judges, breeders and exhibitors and those interested in this breed.

It is most important for the buyer of Pilgrim Geese to keep in mind the following facts: Pilgrims are the only sex-linked goose where the ganders are white and females gray. That this bird when dressed will weigh from nine to twelve pounds and has more distribution of fat than the China of the same weight and that the taste of the meat is claimed by many to be better than any other domestic goose. This variety lays from 35 to 50 eggs and is excellent at hatching and rearing its young. They are excellent foragers and by semi-flight, can protect themselves against an enemy. Pilgrims are not as noisy as most varieties and this is most important where people live in closely settled communities.

The future of this breed looks most promising for by proper mating and feeding this bird can be greatly improved in size, type and weight so that it will replace the China as a light-weight table fowl, as the meat is more tender and succulent. There is no reason or advantage for this bird to weigh more than 14 pounds, as there are other breeds that meet this requirement. Alvin Leese, poultry judge and exhibitor, would like the weights to be between nine and eleven pounds. Herbert Kessel feels 14 pounds is right for an adult gander. Marie Essipoff likes ganders at fourteen to sixteen pounds. Others prefer weights from 12 to 14 pounds.

This article is written solely to clarify the conflicting statements made by many breeders and judges, so that those of us who breed and exhibit Pilgrim Geese, will be able to develop a typically Standard Pilgrim.

DR. S. A. CHAMBERLAIN.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

March 22, 2004

S. Robert Powell, District 2 Director
American Poultry Association
RD 1
Carbondale, PA 18407-9706

Dear Mr. Powell:

Thank you for your continued interest in representing exhibition poultry, not only personally, but also as the District 2 Director of the American Poultry Association. I want to encourage your continued participation as such and also thank you for your attendance at the September 11, 2003, meeting at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to discuss your memberships concerns.

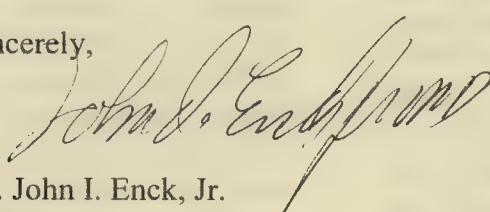
The Department of Agriculture is increasingly becoming familiar with both the heritage you speak of in poultry genetics and the rearing of specialty exhibition fowl. The importance of maintaining youth interest through programs like 4-H is a valuable and a necessary component. We want to support these functions and I think Dr. David J. Henzler has been involved with several 4-H groups in both an educational and fellowship capacity.

Naturally, the Department of Agriculture is hesitant to place restrictions on any part of the poultry industry--either commercial, breeding or exhibition poultry, which affects growers adversely. The February 2004 cancellation of poultry exhibitions in Pennsylvania is a temporary measure to restrict exposure of avian influenza, a highly contagious and infectious disease agent, among all poultry species. Preventing the commingling of important genetic stock and breed varieties is an important step.

Presently, only the single index premise has been identified as harboring the avian influenza subtype H2N2 agent. Restrictions on movement and surveillance in several "zones" around this commercial flock continue for the commercial poultry industry. Hence, they also experience hardships.

It is likely that very soon the restriction on Exhibition Poultry Shows will be removed. Hopefully, this will be in good timing with the spring show season.

Sincerely,


Dr. John I. Enck, Jr.
Director

cc: Dennis C. Wolff, Secretary of Agriculture

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Newsletter

S. Robert Powell, Editor

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May 30, 2004

It's Show Time!

The EMPA's first show is June 12th--less than two weeks away.

On Tuesday evening, June 8, beginning at 6 P.M., there will be an EMPA work session at the fairgrounds at Harford. If you can be there to help set up for the show, your help will be much appreciated.

President's Message

It seems as though we were just sitting around my dining room table trying to decide what to name this new poultry organization. Now, barely half a year later, we have already gone through one successful auction and we are gearing up for our first annual poultry show.

Our first show may not be huge as far as number of entries, but come prepared to have a good time. I ask that you not be disappointed with a low number of entries because this show will be our stepping-stone to better and better shows in the future. We also have to consider the fact that in Pennsylvania the days of the large poultry shows will be a historical remembrance if the PA Dept. of Agriculture poultry laws stay as currently written. No matter the size of the show, we will continue to have events that promote poultry, youth involvement and fun because, let's face it, if we stray too far from our beginnings, we will lose track of what really matters.

On a brighter note, I was pleased to see in the *APA News and Views* that S. Robert Powell was re-elected as the District 2 Director. Even though running unopposed, Robert received more votes than any of the

other directors. We should be pleased and honored that one of our fellow members is again representing us faithfully in the American Poultry Association.

We are starting to get the EMPA name out to the poultry community--and in a very good light--and it could not have happened without your continued support. As with any new venture, improvements can and must be made to ensure continued success. Any suggestions that you may have for future auctions, shows, or other events would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call or email me with any of these issues.

Dave Stiles, 814-880-4918

stiles1415@hotmail.com

EMPA Support of APA Annual Youth Show

The EMPA will sponsor the seven plaques that will be awarded to the champions in the youth show at the 2004 APA annual show at the Yankee Classic in October 2004.

Engraved on each plaque will be the following statement: "Award sponsored by the Endless Mountains Poultry Association."

Welcome New Members

Memberships have been received from:

Cliff and Kathie Lavell, RR 2, Box 122, Thompson, PA 18465.

Sioux Petrow / Ron Beauchamp, Post Office Box 192, Harford, PA 18823. 570-434-9013.

James Provanzo, 1034 Alter Street,
Hazleton, PA 18202. 570-454-1754.

Joseph Snow, 17 Prospect, Hop
Bottom, PA 18824. 570-289-5082.
snowh17@epix.net

Louie Becker, 216 East King Street,
East Berlin, PA 17316. 717-259-6499

Thomas L. Hertz, 2403 East Berlin
Road, East Berlin, PA 17316. 717-259-0297
redneckpilgrim@yahoo.com

Andrew G. Rapach, 162 Main
Street, Harwood Mines, PA 18202. 570-455-
9719

Jack Kester, RR 2, Box 141-A,
Falls, PA 18615

New Junior Members

Felicia K. Rapach, 193 Red Ridge
Road, Zion Grove, PA 17985. 570-384-5724

Steven M. Longazel, Jr., 150 Main
Street, Harwood Mines, PA 18202. 570-454-
2349

Michael T. Rapach III, 103 Short
Cross Street, Harwood Mines, PA 18202.
570-450-7476.

Philip Hartman, Post Office Box
74, South Gibson, PA 18842

Seth Schmidt, RR 1, Box 98, New
Milford, PA 18834

Chad Schmidt, RR 1, Box 98, New
Milford, PA 18834

Golden-Laced Wyandottes

Bill Leinauer@nep.net would like to
acquire some show quality Golden-Laced
Wyandottes. His phone number is 570-727-
3229.

July EMPA Meeting

The EMPA will meet at noon at the
Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford on
Saturday, July 10.

Grain-Fed Beef, Please

Here is the first paragraph of an
article by Lyndsey Smith titled "Litter
Legalities" (*Manure Matters*, Winter 2004
issue, p. 10): "A dilemma is facing many

poultry and cattle producers in the U.S.,
especially in the southeast portion of the
country. Poultry litter, containing bedding,
feathers, fecal matter, and spilled feed, is
commonly composted and turned into an
easily digestible feed source for cattle. The
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
has announced its plans to ban the use of
poultry litter in ruminant diets as a further
measure in preventing bovine spongiform
encephalopathy (BSE)."

From the rest of the article, we learn
that some cattle producers have been using
poultry litter as a cattle feed ingredient for
40 years. The reason, of course, is money.
Composted litter is \$40 a ton cheaper than
hay.

Cancel my order for a hamburger for
lunch. I think I'll just have a glass of water.

Celebrity Chickens

Birds owned by two EMPA
members are now national celebrities!

A standard Light Brahma male
owned by Ron Stiles and a bantam Light
Brahma male owned by Brian Knox are
pictured on the July page of the 2004
Extraordinary Chickens calendar!

Both of these extraordinary Light
Brahmas are also shown on the inside front
flap of Stephen Green - Armytage's book
Extraordinary Chickens, published in 2000.

Congratulations Ron and Brian.

Thank You, Judi

EMPA show secretary, Judi Sartell,
produced a very attractive show catalogue
for the EMPA's inaugural poultry show on
June 12. Copies have been mailed to all
EMPA members and friends.

Judi has also done a great deal of
work in preparation for the upcoming show.

Sincere thanks, Judi, from the entire
club, for doing all that you have in
preparation for the show.

Meeting with PDA

On Friday, May 7, the avian health
committee that represents the exhibition

poultry community in Pennsylvania met with representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg to discuss current poultry health regulations in Pennsylvania and the effect of those regulations on the exhibition poultry community in the northeastern United States.

Representing the exhibition fanciers were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Horstman, Rick Porr, Tom Lipiec, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Russell, Carolyn Bloom, and S. Robert Powell. Representing the PDA were Deputy Secretary Mr. Russell Redding and Drs. Enck, Hensler, and Schmucker. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Kristin J. Ebersole (Committee Director, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Senator Mike Waugh).

The avian health committee again voiced the concerns of the exhibition poultry community in the commonwealth and urged the PDA to adopt intelligent, reasonable, and workable health regulations for exhibition poultry in Pennsylvania.

"Will the PDA test blood samples for avian influenza from out-of-state birds?" asked the committee. "Yes," replied the PDA. "Is there a charge for such tests?" asked the committee. The answer is given on the PDA's 2004 fee schedule for PADLS: Under "Avian Serology, avian influenza - AGID" we read: "N/C" [no charge].

A report from Dick Horstman on this meeting is given in the June 2004 issue of *Poultry Press* on page 25: "Update on AI regulations in Pennsylvania."

At the meeting on May 7, the committee learned, from Dr. Enck, that "an important poultry meeting would take place on May 13 in Trenton, NJ." No additional details about the May 13 meeting were provided at the May 7 meeting.

In the days following the May 7 meeting, the committee learned that the May 13 meeting would be chaired by Drs. Lynne Siegfried and Andrea Miles, both with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

On May 12, S. R. Powell sent to Drs. Siegfried and Miles an electronic copy of

the letter that is given herein on pages 7-8. On May 20, Dr. Miles contacted S. R. Powell and said: "Dr. Siegfried and I were out of town when you emailed us. We will get back to you about getting together."

So where do we stand? It's hard to know for sure.

Two observations from S. R. Powell: (1) the fact that PDA Deputy Secretary Redding attended and participated in the meeting is, it seems, a good indication that the highest level of the PDA now recognizes the exhibition poultry community as a legitimate component of the poultry industry in Pennsylvania, (2) the U. S. Department of Agriculture--through Drs. Siegfried and Miles--now knows that the exhibition poultry community would welcome the opportunity to meet with them to discuss and to participate in the formulation of rational and workable poultry health regulations for the entire poultry industry, not only in the individual states in the northeast but also throughout the region.

May 1, 2004 EMPA Meeting

Meeting hosted by Ron and Lynn Stiles at their home in Hallstead. Present were: Ron and Lynn Stiles, David Stiles, Judi Sartell, Jessica Sartell, Harold Alesky, Merl and Bess Rynearson, Tom Lipiec, Ed and Miriam Page, Beth Page, Cliff Lavell, Kathie Lavell, and S. Robert Powell.

Special thanks to the Stiles family for hosting this meeting of the EMPA and to the Stiles family, the Page family, and to Merl and Bess Rynearson for providing refreshments for the occasion.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the March 20, 2004 and April 10, 2004 meetings of the EMPA (as published on pages 5-6 of the April 15, 2004 *EMPA Newsletter*). There was one correction to be made in the minutes of the April 10 meeting: the word "not" was omitted in line 19 in the minutes. Lines 17-19 in the published minutes should read: "Jackie Koedatich suggested that in the future that auction sales not be limited to poultry. . ."

With that one correction made, it was regularly moved (Judi Sartell) and seconded (Lynn Stiles) that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Dave Stiles noted that the EMPA auction went well. He thanked those persons who donated items to the auction (sold under #999) and noted that the EMPA received \$436.55 by the sale of those donated items. He also noted that the driver's license number for every buyer must be copied down as consignors check in/register at the beginning of the sale.

A discussion took place as to the date of next year's EMPA auction and the date of April 30, 2005 was chosen. Robert Powell said that he would have the date put on the Harford Fair calendar for next year.

Blood testing of birds, by Chuck Campfield, will take place on May 18, 2004, at 10 A.M., at the Harford Fairgrounds.

The treasurer reported that there is a balance of \$1,339.56 in the EMPA checking account.

Judi Sartell reported that she has received 31 specials so far for the June show, with a value of \$155 (open show) and \$78 (junior show). Also, there are 20 breed meets in place for the show. Judi also reported that no less than 21 bags of poultry feed have been donated for the Chinese auction. Deadline for entries for EMPA show: May 31st.

Coop-in for the upcoming EMPA show: Friday, June 11, 4-8 P.M.; Saturday morning, beginning at 7 A.M.

Fee to sell birds at June show: people who are showing, \$5; non-show people, \$10. Chinese auction tickets, 5 for \$1; chances on Little Giant Still Air Model 9200 incubator, \$1 or 6 for \$5; 50/50 raffle, \$1 a chance for 6 for \$5.

Ron Stiles said that the poultry building at Harford would be sprayed with Oxine before the EMPA show on June 12 and before the Harford Fair.

It was reported that Barb Gallagher, the art teacher at Susquehanna High School, would design a logo for the EMPA.

It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (Alesky) that EMPA membership applications be accepted from George Yurko, John Beeman, Donald R. Perrin, Ken Merrill, Fay Forward, Fernando Chipelo, Janet Healy, and Wendy Robinson. The motion carried.

It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (Alesky) that the EMPA sponsor the painting of the White Helmeted Guinea Fowl cock that will be published in the forthcoming edition of the APA's *American Standard of Perfection*. The motion carried.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (B. Page) and seconded (Jessica Sartell) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The June meeting of the EMPA will take place following the show on June 12; the July meeting will take place on July 10th at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford.

EMPA in Poultry Press

The EMPA's sponsorship/support of the youth show at the 2004 APA annual show is mentioned in John Pierce's article on the 2004 APA annual on pages 1, 6 of the June 2004 issue of *Poultry Press*:

**YANKEE FALL
CLASSIC 2004 APA
ANNUAL NATIONAL
SHOW
By John Pierce**

A few more notes on the Yankee Fall Classic APA 2004 National, October 23-24. For everyone planning to arrive Friday, the 22nd the show hall will be ready early afternoon about 2:00 pm. Let us know if birds are being shipped or if you need transportation from the airport.

We are planning several clinics of interest during the show which will be defined more later. All clubs who want to reserve a meeting room for ½ hour or 1 hour sessions should request their needs in advance to reserve a room. Breed clubs that are holding their National Breed Meet

Endless Mountains Poultry Association

Breed Directory

Data compiled under the direction of Ron Stiles.

If you would like to be listed in the next edition of this directory, contact Ron Stiles at 570-465-3207 or dstiles@epix.net.

Last Name	First Name	Address	Phone	Email	Varieties Raised
Alisky	Harold	RD 1 Box 201F New Milford, Pa. 18834	570-756-2391		Variety of fowl
Beeman	John	PO Box 132 Clifford, Pa. 18413	570-222-3683		Black Australorp, Ameraucana
Cook	April	Box 66 Analomink, Pa. 18320	570-595-2987	Cookapoo66@aol.com	Silver lace, white crested blue, and golden lace Standard Polish White, red, black, and blue Silkies, and Milli Fleurs. She is also a state certified poultry technician.
Kiska	Jack	26 Hill Street Ashley, Pa 18706	570-824-6016 570-824-3801	kisphoto@haz.us	Bantams: O.E.G.: Ginger Red, Wheaton, Black, Blue, Red Pyle, Crele, Lemon Blue, Spangle, White. Columbian Plymouth Rocks. Columbian and Blue Wyandottes. Wheaton Ameraucana. Large Fowl: Wheaton and Blue Wheaton Ameraucana Member: APA, ABA, OEGBCA, Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club, Ameraucana Breeders Club.
Kogan	Howard	Falling Tree Farm P.O. Box 370 Stephentown, NY 12168	518-733-6662	holl@localnet.com	Rare Nanking Bantams, Standard size Dorkings, RC Rhode Island Whites. Started and Adult stock only. No shipping
Lipiec	Tom	PO Box 47 West Edmeston, NY 13485	315-855-4457	tlipiec@aol.com	Shamos, Welsummers, Delawares, Malay bantams, Shamo Bantams
Pipfer	Brian, Brett, Susan	RR 2 Box 55E LeRaysville, Pa. 18829	570-744-2490	pifers@chilitech.net	Standard Dominiques, Maran, Ameraucana Bantam Buff Brahma, Silver Penciled Wyandotte, Dominiques. Brian is also a state certified poultry technician.
Powell	S. Robert	RD 1 Box 40 Carbondale, Pa. 18407-9706	570-282-5197 (after 8 PM) 570-282-0385 (days)	srp18407@yahoo.com	Standards: Partridge Plymouth Rocks, Buff Minorcas, Exchequer Leghorns. Bantams: BB Red American Games Narragansett Turkeys, Racing Homers, Flying Tipplers
Romig	Rev. Roland	221 N. Elm Ave. Sayre, Pa. 18840	570-888-2237		Large Fowl: Buff Brahma, Salmon Faverolle, Red Sussex, Buff and White Face Red Cornish
Rynearson	Merl	RR 1 Box 1217 Hop Bottom, Pa.	570-289-4233		Geese: Buff and Gray Toulouse, White Toulouse, White African Ducks: Buff, Swede, White Crested, Saxony, Appleyard, Buff and Chocolate Runners, Khaki Campbell
Sartell	Jessica	RD 1 Bx 121Z Thompson, Pa. 18465	570-756-2447	buckwheat@epix.net	Brahmas and Call Ducks
					White Silkies, Spanish, Belgium D'anvers, Sumatras

Sartell	Jennifer	SAME	SAME	SAME	Sweetgrass Turkeys, Ameraucana chickens
Simons	Robert	Box 134 Harford, Pa. 18823	SAME 570-434-2497		Cochins- Large and Bantams Turkeys : Buff, Bourbon Red, Lilac, and Royal Palm Geese: Brown and Buff Africans and Toulouse Ducks: Khaki Campbell, Buff, Saxony Poultry: Large Brahmans (Light, Buff, Dark) Black Langshans Australorps, Buff Orpington, Black S.C. Leghorns, Jersey Giants, Bantams: Langshans, Gray Japanese Pigeons: Archangels, Show Homers, Flying Homers, Genuine Homers, German Satinets, German Owls, Pomeranian Pouters, English Pouters, Runts, Berliner Tumblers.
Stiles	Ron and Dave	"Franklin Hill Poultry and Pigeons" RR 2 Box 2208 Hallstead, Pa. 18822	570-465-3207	dstiles@epix.net	Belgian d'Uccle Bantams (Millie Fleur, Porcelain, Golden neck) They are also the District 1 Directors for the BdU and BB Club
Waldau	Dick, Thola	433 County Rd. 23 Constantia, NY 13044-3719	315-623-7386		Bantam: SC Rhode Island Red, Light Brown Dutch, Buff and Light Brahma Largefowl: Salmon Faverolle, RC Rhode Island Red, Black Langshan, Sicilian Buttercup Ducks: Black Cayuga, Saxony, Silver Appleyard, Pekin Geese: Brown African, White Embden, American Buff, Pilgrim. Also raising Komomer Tumbler Pigeons and rabbits (English Spot, Rhineland, Tan, Silver Martin, and Silver Fox). Sect. of the Int'l Heavy Duck Breeders Association and the New England District Director for the IWBA and the American Buttercup Club.
Yacobucci	Kyle	306 Dillenback Rd. Palatine Bridge, NY 13428	518-673-5668	kylevac@yahoo.com	

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should also make their needs and wants known for judge and promotional displays in the Pepsi International Building. This auxiliary building will be the center for many activities such as displays, eating, meeting rooms, sale bird floor rental (10' x 10'), the APA art display, etc.

The APA Art Contest is described in the "NEW" News & Views, which I think deserves mega compliments. Your artwork will be displayed on the stage in the center of the building. You might have a tough time beating me because I did a neat job with my APA coloring book.

The Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce will have a courtesy table with someone to help you with other diversions around Central New York. They will also arrange group tours. Put your interests on the bottom of your entry form. A few possible suggestions for adults: Finger Lakes Wine Tours, Thousand Islands Boat Tour, The Casino, Regional Farmers Market, Malls, Sports Halls of Fame - Baseball, Boxing, Soccer and for the family: Museum of Science and Technology (MOST), Beaver Lake Nature Center, Zoo, or some of the above.

We could use more sponsors for the Youth Show in the areas of awards for Showmanship. The Endless Mountains Club and Central Pennsylvania Avian Clubs are generous sponsors already. Contact Mary Ann Whipple 1-585- 554-3964 if you would like to contribute.

Our major show sponsors are: Bully Hill Wineries - Large Fowl, New York Electric & Gas - Bantams, Purina Feeds - also Bantams, and Blue Seal Feeds - Waterfowl.

More details next month.

American Poultry Association

S. Robert Powell, District 2 Director (DE, MD, NY, NJ, PA, DC)

Grand Master Exhibitor/Breeder of Standard Partridge Plymouth Rocks

APA Licensed Judge of Standard and Bantam Chickens

570-282-0385, srp18407@yahoo.com

R. D. 1, Box 40, Carbondale, PA 18407-9706

Date: May 12, 2004

To: Ms. Lynne Siegfried, Veterinary Services
U. S. Department of Agriculture
4700 River Road, Unit 46, Riverdale, MD 20737 Lynne.Siegfried@aphis.usda.gov

Ms. Andrea Miles, Veterinary Services, Eastern Regional Office
U. S. Department of Agriculture
920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27606 Andrea.M.Miles@aphis.usda.gov

cc: Mr. Russell Redding, Deputy Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408 rredding@state.pa.us

RE: Live Bird Market Working Group meeting, May 13, 2004

On Friday, May 7, representatives of the exhibition poultry industry in Pennsylvania and New York met in Harrisburg with Drs. Enck, Hensler, and Schmucker of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; PDA Deputy Secretary Mr. Russell Redding; and Ms. Kristin J. Ebersole (Committee Director, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Senator Mike Waugh) to discuss current poultry health regulations in Pennsylvania and the effect of those regulations on the exhibition poultry community in the northeastern United States.

At that meeting, we learned, from Dr. Enck, that the quarterly meeting of the Live Bird Market Working Group would take place on May 13th in Trenton, NJ. Given the fact that the live bird market system and the exhibition poultry community are distinct and separate entities of the poultry industry, it would appear that the specific and particular concerns, interests, and requirements of the exhibition poultry industry in the northeastern United States are out of scope for the Trenton meeting on May 13.

The exhibition poultry community in the northeastern United States would, however, welcome the opportunity to meet with representatives of the state departments of agriculture as well as state and regional representatives of the USDA to discuss present and projected state and federal poultry health regulations.

Those regulations are of particular interest to the membership of the American Poultry Association in APA District 2 (DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA), where there is not only a significant exhibition poultry industry but also, as you know, a very large commercial poultry industry.

The strength of the APA's interest in effective, intelligent, and meaningful poultry health measures is such that an avian health task force has been established in APA District 2. That task force, working with state and federal departments of agriculture, as well as with representatives of all components of the poultry industry, would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss and to participate in the formulation of rational and workable poultry health procedures and requirements for the entire poultry industry, not only in the individual states in the northeast but also throughout the region.

Sincerely,

S. Robert Powell, Ph.D.
APA District 2 Director

Summary of May 13, 2004 Meeting in Trenton, NJ to be Published in June 2004 EMPA Newsletter

EMPA member Rev. Roland Romig is a member of the Live Bird Market Working Group and he has received a 20+ page report on the quarterly meeting that took place in Trenton, NJ on May 13, 2004. A report on the content of that 20+ page report will be given in the June 2004 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*.

Need an Incubator?

At the EMPA show on June 12, we will raffle off a Little Giant Still Air incubator. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Six chances are enclosed. If you need more, Xerox the enclosed sheet. Bring your completed chances with you to the show or mail them in to: Judi Sartell, RR1, Box 121-Z, Thompson, PA 18465.

Speaking of Incubators. . .

By S. Robert Powell

The world's best incubators are setting hens (perfect temperature and humidity control, no worries about power failures, no need for brooders), and using setting hens to hatch and raise chicks is one of the great pleasures

associated with raising poultry. It's a somewhat labor-intensive process, to be sure, especially if one has a lot of hens setting at one time, but the pleasures associated with process--and the astonishing vigor and vitality of the chicks raised in such a manner--are well worth the extra effort.

This morning, I noted that I now have 19 hens setting on eggs, and 10 hens now raising chicks that they have hatched.

Those 29 hens are mostly standard Partridge Rocks but, among the setters, there are 3 Narragansett turkeys, 2 Modern Game bantams, 1 Buff Catalana, 1 Exchequer Leghorn, 1 Australorp, 4 standard Old English, 3 American Game bantams, and 3 standard Cochins.

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Little Giant
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50-100-Egg Capacity
Solid State Circuitry
Model 9200

\$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

Drawing June 12th,2004

Harford, Pa.

Need not be present

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Newsletter

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June 29, 2004

President's Message

The first annual EMPA show was an absolute success!! July 12th would not have been such a success without the assistance of club members and non-members alike. It was great to see everyone pitch in to help with all aspects of the show. I would like to extend a big thank-you to all of you. We could not have done it without you. The Show Secretary, Judi Sartell, did a wonderful job with the planning and execution of the show and I think all of us should be extremely grateful for that. With any luck, next year we will have the good fortune to duplicate this year's accomplishments.

On another note, I recently attended the PA Dept. of Agriculture's one day course for poultry technicians. The day actually turned out to be quite informative and I obtained quite a lot of literature pertaining to poultry and poultry diseases. I will summarize this information in the next newsletter and include some interesting and not so well know aspects of poultry and the laws that pertain to them.

There was an executive committee meeting after the EMPA show to decide whether or not to hold an auction in the fall. We all agreed on September 25, as this date was free for Reverend Romig to auctioneer. This will be a great opportunity to boost our treasury a little more for our show next year.

If you have any suggestions or comments on the show or any other

issues, please feel free to contact me.
stiles1415@hotmail.com 814-880-4918.

Dave Stiles

Endless Mountains Poultry Association Summer Show

June 12, 2004, Harford, PA

Sanctioned by the American
Poultry Association and the
American Bantam Association

Show Secretary: Judi Sartell

Judges: Paul Kroll, Rick Porr,
Rev. Roland Romig,
and Jamie Matts

Clerks for Judges: Bill Ziehm for Rick
Porr; Vanessa Koedatich for Paul Kroll;
David Stiles for Rev. Roland Romig

Show Champions Open Show

Best of Show: Standard Speckled Sussex
hen, Sugar Hill Poultry

Reserve of Show: Black Rosecomb pullet,
Rick Hare

Champion Standard: Speckled Sussex hen,
Sugar Hill Poultry

Reserve Champion Standard: Partridge Rock
hen, S. Robert Powell

Champion Bantam: Black Rosecomb pullet,
Rick Hare

Reserve Champion Bantam: Speckled
Sussex hen, Jackie-Vanessa
Koedatich
Champion Waterfowl: Brown Chinese old
gander, Ron Stiles
Reserve Champion Waterfowl: Silver
Appleyard old drake, Ken Merrill

Champion Turkey: Bourbon Red old hen,
Ron Stiles
Reserve Champion Turkey: Bourbon Red
old hen, Ron Stiles
Champion Guinea Fowl: Pearl old cock,
S. Robert Powell
Reserve Champion Guinea Fowl: Pearl old
hen, S. Robert Powell

Class Champions Open Show

American, Partridge Rock hen, S. Robert
Powell
Reserve American: White Rock hen, Ken
Merrill
Asiatic: Black Langshan hen, Bob Simons
Reserve Asiatic: Black Langshan cock,
Ken Merrill
English: Speckled Sussex hen, Sugar Hill
Poultry
Reserve English: Speckled Sussex hen,
Sugar Hill Poultry
Mediterranean: White Leghorn cock, Ken
Merrill
Reserve Mediterranean: White Faced Black
Spanish hen, Jessica Sartell
Continental: Buff-Laced Polish hen, Jackie
and Vanessa Koedatich
Reserve Continental: White Crested Black
Polish, Bill Bacon
AOSB: Blue Sumatra hen, Ken Merrill
Reserve AOSB: White Ameraucana cock,
Larry Clionsky

Old English: Black pullet, Ben Bensinger
Reserve Old English: Brown Red hen,
Thomas Hertz
SCCL: Speckled Sussex pullet, Jackie and
Vanessa Koedatich
Reserve SCCL: New Hampshire hen, Jackie
and Vanessa Koedatich
RCCL: Black Rosecomb pullet, Rick Hare
Reserve RCCL: Silver-Laced Wyandotte
hen, Sugar Hill Poultry
Featherlegged: Light Brahma pullet, Jackie
and Vanessa Koedatich

Reserve Featherlegged: White Cochin hen,
Bob Simons
AOCCL: Buckeye cockerel, Jackie and
Vanessa Koedatich
Reserve AOCCL: Black Sumatra hen,
Jessica Sartell

Duck: Silver Appleyard old drake, Ken
Merrill
Reserve: Gray Call old drake, Merl
Rynearson

Goose: Brown Chinese old gander,
Ron Stiles
Reserve: Brown African old goose, Beth
Page

Guinea: Pearl old cock, S. Robert Powell
Reserve: Pearl old hen, S. Robert Powell

Turkey: Bourbon Red old hen, Ron Stiles
Reserve: Bourbon Red old hen, Ron Stiles

Show Champions Youth Show

Best of Show: Quail Antwerp Belgian
pullet, Jessica Sartell
Reserve of Show: Quail Antwerp Belgian
hen, Jessica Sartell

Champion Standard: White Faced Black
Spanish hen, Jessica Sartell
Reserve Champion Standard: Blue
Ameraucana cock, Sean McKee
Champion Bantam: Quail Antwerp Belgian
pullet, Jessica Sartell
Reserve Champion Bantam: Quail Antwerp
Belgian hen, Jessica Sartell
Champion Waterfowl: Brown African old
goose, Beth Page
Reserve Champion Waterfowl, Brown
African old goose, Beth Page
Champion Turkey: Narragansett old hen,
Sean McKee
Reserve Champion Turkey: Lilac old tom,
Beth Page
Champion Guinea Fowl: Pearl old cock,
Sean McKee

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Class Champions Youth Show

Mediterranean: White Faced Black Spanish
hen, Jessica Sartell
Reserve Mediterranean: White Faced Black
Spanish cockerel, Jessica Sartell
AOSB: Blue Ameraucana cock, Sean
McKee
Reserve AOSB: Blue Ameraucana hen, Sean
McKee

Modern Game: Fawn cock, Sean McKee
Reserve Modern: Fawn hen, Sean McKee
RCCL: Quail Antwerp Belgian pullet,
Jessica Sartell
Reserve RCCL: Quail Antwerp Belgian hen,
Jessica Sartell
Featherlegged: Bearded Black Silkie hen,
Jessica Sartell
Reserve Featherlegged: Bearded White
Silkie pullet, Jessica Sartell
AOCCL: Black Sumatra hen, Jessica Sartell
Reserve AOCCL: Black Sumatra cock,
Jessica Sartell

Duck: Muscovy old drake, Beth Page
Reserve: Muscovy old duck, Beth Page

Goose: Brown African old goose, Beth Page
Reserve Goose: Brown African old goose,
Beth Page

Guinea: Pearl old cock, Sean McKee

Turkey: Narragansett old hen, Sean McKee
Reserve: Lilac old hen, Beth Page

Junior Showmanship Winners

Juniors, age 10 and under
First: Megan Matts
Second: Kayla Kingston
Third: Tomi Lewis

Intermediate, age 11-13
First: Sean McKee
Second: H. J. Lewis

Seniors, age 14-18
First: Jessica Sartell
Second: Brett Pifer
Third: Beth Page

Coloring Contest, age 10 and under
First: Tomi Lewis
Second: Makayla Kingston
Runners-Up: Megan Matts and H. J.
Lewis

The Food Stand at the Show

Special thanks to Miriam Page,
Bess Rynearson, Lynn Stiles, and
Beverly Romig, who worked--with good
cheer and enthusiasm--all day long at the
food stand.

Thanks also to the Sartell Family
(gas grill, tubs for soda); Merl and Bess
Rynearson (cash donation to support food
stand); Ron Stiles (working at the grill, as
time allowed); Beverly Romig (crock pot of
chili); Miriam Page (cherry cheesecake
cupcakes and other desserts, also the
beautiful decorations--chickens, of course--
at the dessert table); and Jackie Koedatich
(pasta salad).

Activities in the Dining Hall

Sincere thanks to the following
individuals and organizations for
their donations to the Chinese
Auction:

Tunkhannock Agway: Little Giant Still Air
Incubator, won by Bob Simons
20+ bags of feed, donated by:
Tiz-Whiz Feeds
Blue Seal Feeds, Bainbridge, NY
Cochecton Mills, Cochecton, NY
Narrowsburg Feed and Grain,
Narrowsburg, NY
Hirsch's Agway

Ben Bensinger
Sartell family
Stiles family
Koedatich family

Sincere thanks, as well to:

Awards Table and Set Up in
Dining Hall: Kathie and Cliff
Lavell; Angie Kingston, and Joan
Lewis; 50/50: tickets sold by Cliff

and Kathie Lavell; 50/50 won by Kenny Merrill.

Awards: Master of Ceremonies: David Stiles, President; Judi Sartell, Show Secretary

All who helped set up the show in the week before the show.

Blood Testing New York Birds before EMPA Show

In order to enter Pennsylvania and be shown at the EMPA show on June 12, birds from out-of-state had to be blood tested for avian influenza within 10 days of their arrival in Pennsylvania.

At the Finger Lakes Feather Club show on June 6, 2004, at Syracuse, NY, S. R. Powell and Tom Lipiec set up a blood-testing table outside the poultry building in order to draw blood from birds owned by New York exhibitors who expressed an interest in showing at the EMPA show on June 12.

Karen Brouillette (Madison, NY) volunteered to help draw the blood, and in the course of the afternoon, the blood testing team drew blood from birds belonging to Sam Mason, Lou Smith, Sean McKee, Rick Hare, Tom Lipiec, and Karyn Riggs.

As arranged in advance with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Powell took the blood, on Monday morning, June 7, to the lab in Tunkhannock and the blood was sent from there to Harrisburg for testing. The results were then sent by fax to show secretary, Judi Sartell.

A clean bill of health was received on all of the flocks tested, although the results on two flocks (Lou Smith and Karyn Riggs) were not received until after the EMPA show, which meant that two potential exhibitors at the EMPA show were prevented from showing in Pennsylvania

because the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture could not complete their tests on the blood within the 10-day window prescribed by PDA regulations (which is clear proof that the PDA 10-day rule is both unrealistic and unworkable).

The EMPA was very pleased to receive show entries from four New York exhibitors for our show on June 12: Sam Mason, Sean McKee, Rick Hare, and Tom Lipiec.

There were 30 exhibitors who showed birds at the inaugural EMPA show on June 12. Given the fact that four of those exhibitors were from New York State, that means that 13% of the birds shown at the EMPA show on June 12 at Harford were out-of-state birds!

In spite of the un-workable and unrealistic health regulations that are imposed by the PDA on out-of-state exhibitors who are interested in showing in Pennsylvania, it is still possible, then, for out-of-state exhibitors to show their birds in Pennsylvania.

Welcome New Members

Memberships have been received from:

Mark F. Burns, 882 Rock Street, Archbald, PA 18403. 570-876-2858 (2 years)

Mark D. Whitebread, 505 Bloomingdale Road, Shickshinny, PA 18655

Dan Spicer, 170 Ross Road, Preston, CT 06356. 860-889-4839 reallydansk@aol.com (junior member)

John J. Drumheller, 3208 Sanatoga Road, Pottstown, PA 19464-3401

Thank You

Sincere thanks to Karen Brouillette (Madison, NY) for her assistance at the EMPA blood-testing table at the Finger Lakes show in Syracuse on June 6, 2004.

And sincere thanks to the six New York exhibitors (Sam Mason, Lou Smith, Sean McKee, Rick Hare, Tom Lipiec, and Karyn Riggs) who were willing to go through this extra testing in order to be able to show their birds in Pennsylvania.

Review of EMPA Show + Photos Now on Internet

Sean McKee (Cincinnatus, NY) showed standard Ameraucanas and bantam Modern Games, as well as guinea fowl and turkeys at the EMPA show.

In the youth show, Sean won Champion AOSB and Reserve Champion Standard on a Blue Ameraucana cock, Reserve Champion AOSB on a Blue Ameraucana hen, Champion Modern Game on a Fawn cock, Reserve Champion Modern Game on a Fawn hen, Champion Guinea on a Pearl old cock, and Champion Turkey on a Narragansett old hen.

On the same day as the show, Sean's mom, Rita, posted on the Internet a very nice review on the EMPA show, along with photos. The review and photos are posted at the ABC Shareing Place.com. Here is a portion of Rita's review:

"I have to say we have been to one extraordinary poultry show today!! It was The Endless Mountains Poultry Association Show, in Harford, Pennsylvania.

Now this is a unique experience, as it is their first ever show! But it doesn't stop there. They had some of the finest awards & trophies, plaques and ribbons I have ever seen. . . This was a well planned event, with tons of hard work put into it. All are to be congratulated on a job well done!! And a huge Thank-You to all who helped pull it off!!

There were MANY Special Awards! And there was a cash award for

the Junior Exhibitor who traveled the farthest.

Once again I have to say Thank You to Robert Powell, who came to the Finger Lakes show to do the AI testing for the show, and to Judy Sartell, who invited us, last fall, even before the show had developed into a reality, and kept us up to date on the regulations, and even facilitated a few extensions for us to be able to show in PA."

Thank you Rita and Sean. We're very pleased that you were able to show with us and we look forward to seeing you at all our shows in the future.

Financial Report on EMPA Show, June 12, 2004

The EMPA's inaugural summer show on June 12, 2004 was a financial success!

Show Income

\$718.70 entry fees (27 junior and 247 open show birds = 304 birds)
\$15.00 donation, Paul Kroll
\$10.00 donation, Jackie and Vanessa Koedatich (Bob Anke special donated back to EMPA)
\$40.00 outside sales
\$53.00 incubator raffle
\$43.00 50/50 raffle
\$173.00 Chinese auction
\$1,052.70

Show Expenses

\$216.45 Norogala (ribbons)
\$117.67 Herco (trophies)
\$295.00 Wisnosky (plaques and mugs)
\$175.00 Harford Fair: liability insurance, use of grounds
\$44.46 shavings
\$16.00 phone, ink for copier, supplies
\$135.00 EMPA cash awards at show
\$60.00 judges' expenses (gas)
\$65.00 motel room (judge)
\$45.00 Poultry Press ad announcing show
\$1,169.58

Show Summary:

Income, \$1,052.70; expenses, \$1169.58 =
- (\$116.94)

Specials from members and friends: In/Out:
Open show, \$180; Youth show, \$117, total
\$297.00

Food Stand Income

\$184.25 food sold

\$25.00 donation (Merl and Bess Rynearson)

\$209.25

Food Stand Expenses

\$78.31 food purchased

Food Stand Summary: \$209.25 - \$78.32 =
+\$130.94

As they checked in on Saturday morning,
exhibitors were given a coupon for a free cup of
coffee and a donut during coop-in. Eleven
exhibitors took advantage of the offer.

Summary for Summer Show: \$130.94 (profit
from food stand) - \$116.88 (loss from show) =
+\$14.06 profit from show

From the Treasurer: The balance in the EMPA
checking account on June 24, 2004 (with all bills
paid) was \$1,273.86.

Champion Guinea Fowl

EMPA member Ken Merrill
(Glen Rock, PA) had Champion Guinea
Fowl at the Southern Ohio show this
past Memorial Day weekend. There
were more than 70 Guineas in the show,
and Ken won with a Pearl cock.

Congratulations Ken on this
impressive win.

Thank You Judges

Special thanks to Paul Kroll,
Rick Porr, Rev. Roland Romig,
and Jamie Matts for judging at the
inaugural EMPA show. It was an
honor and a privilege to have you
judge at the show.

Nice Weather, Too

Many people commented on the
beautiful weather on the day of our show
(full sun, no humidity, 50-75 degrees all
day), saying that "it was the nicest day of
the year so far."

Male Bird Derby

A special award featured at the
inaugural EMPA show was a Male Bird
Derby for standard chickens. This
special was in honor of George
Schroeder, Prompton, PA, a long-time
friend of many members of the EMPA
and formerly the poultry superintendent
and president of the Wayne County Fair.

This special was won by Ron
Stiles, Hallstead, PA, with four standard
Buff Brahma cocks. Ken Merrill and S.
Robert Powell also entered the Derby,
with Black Langshans and Partridge
Rocks, respectively.

Specials

"Specials" are a very important
feature of exhibition poultry shows.
Sincere thanks from the EMPA to the
following folks who put up specials for
the EMPA show on June 12: Elton
Minnich, Stiles family, Sartell family,
Chuck Campfield, Ben Bensinger, Jackie
and Vanessa Koedatich, Jennifer Sartell,
Paul F. Kroll, Harold & Myrtle
Passmore, Westwind Stables, Fancy
Feathers 4-H Poultry Club, Merl
Rynearson, Lavell family, and S. Robert
Powell.

EMPA Fall Auction

The EMPA will host a live-bird
poultry auction (poultry, rabbits, small
animals, poultry supplies, cage birds) on
Saturday, September 25, 2004, at the
Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna
County.

Extra Money

Look at it this way: if you
didn't raise and show birds, would
you know what to do with your
extra money?!?

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At the Feed Store

The next time you're at the Tunkhannock Agway, be sure to thank them for donating the Little Giant Still Air Incubator that we raffled off at our show on June 12.

And be sure to thank the folks at Tiz-Whiz Feeds, Blue Seal Feeds, Cochection Mills, Narrowsburg Feed and Grain, and Hirsch's Agway for donating bags of poultry feed for our Chinese Auction.

Space Ad Deadline is July 7

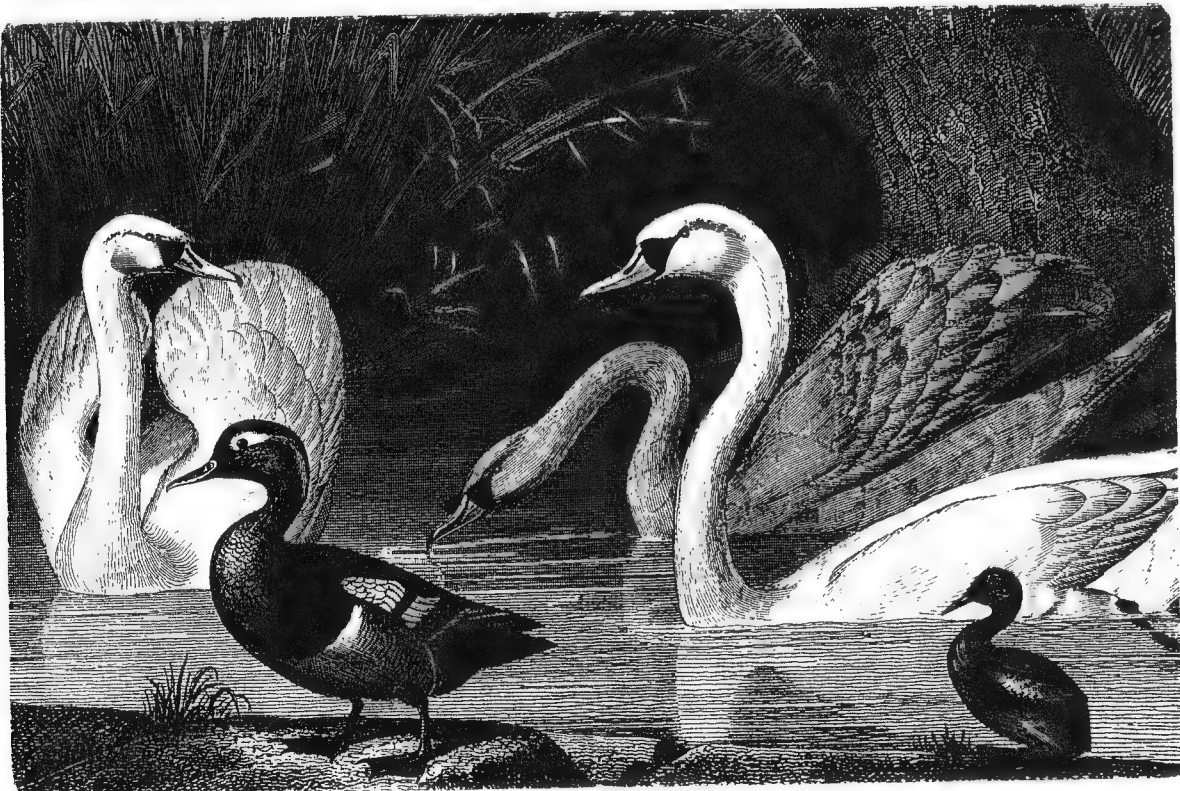
If you would like to take out a space ad (which will accompany the article on the EMPA show that is published in *Poultry Press*), your ad must be received by Robert Powell by July 7.

Live-Bird Market Meeting

The USDA Live Bird Market Working Group (the Rev. Roland Romig is a member) met in Trenton, NJ on May 13, 2004. The committee's amended live bird market AI control proposal (Proposed Uniform Standards for an H5 and H7 Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Prevention and Control Program in the Live Bird Marketing System (LBMS) of the Northeast and Other Areas of the United States, amended 5 May 2004) passed by a vote of 23 to 3. The meeting was chaired by John A. Smith.

Electronic copies of this proposal are available from the Rev. Romig or from S. R. Powell

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Swans and Teal

Iconographic Encyclopedia, 1851

The Pilgrim Goose

In the April 15, 2004 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter* (p. 7), we reprinted an article (from *Poultry Press*, March 27, 1952, p. 5) by Dr. S. A. Chamberlain titled "The Truth about the Pilgrim Goose."

Pilgrim Geese were one of the featured breeds at the Honesdale Summer Show, June 21-22, 1952. Here is a reprint of the article titled "Pilgrims on Parade" that was published on page 5 of the April 10, 1952 issue of *Poultry Press*:

"Pilgrims on Parade"

Will be One of the Featured
Breeds at Annual Honesdale
Summer Show in June

At the Honesdale Summer Show, June 21st and 22nd, Pilgrim Geese will be one of the featured breeds. The classes of Pilgrims will be known as "Pilgrims on Parade." From correspondence with interested breeders and also with the American Waterfowl Association, it is evident that there is a considerable amount of interest already aroused in "The Parade."

Two members of "The Cockey Crowd" are prominent breeders of Pilgrims. These members, Warren Smith and Russell Wildenstein—are co-chairmen of "The Parade" and have been working on the matter for some time. The Wayne County Fanciers' Association is donating a trophy for "Best Pilgrim." Interested members of "The Cockey Crowd" are giving trophies for best young Pilgrim gander, best young Pilgrim goose, best adult Pilgrim gander and best adult Pilgrim goose. The bird winning "Best Pilgrim" does not receive one of the last mentioned trophies.

The Pilgrims will also be able to compete for ribbons, rosettes, medals and trophies that are being offered in the open classes. The American Waterfowl Association is offering its Gold Bands in "The Parade" and it is expected that by show day, there will be some other specials offered by interested breeders of Pilgrims.

Express shipments will be accepted

for "Pilgrims On Parade." These birds should be addressed to the Honesdale Summershow, Honesdale, Pa., and should be shipped to reach Honesdale by Friday, June 20th. Honesdale express is received thru Narrowsburg, N. Y., from the Erie Railroad. In the event that late shipments should arrive at Narrowsburg on Saturday, arrangements have been made by the Club to pick them up and bring them into Honesdale. However, do NOT address your shipment to Narrowsburg. The show management will care for the birds through the show and ship them back on Monday, June 23rd.

As noted above, entries may be shipped to the show but the "Cockey Crowd" would much prefer to have the owners bring their birds. That will give the exhibitor an opportunity to attend the great "Cockey Banquet" on Saturday and be a guest of the "Cockey Crowd" at their show the next day. A buffet luncheon is served at the show and everyone is cordially invited to be our guest at this affair. The Honesdale Summershow has been built on the fact that the exhibitor is more important than the entry and by placing this truth forward, the show has gained friends wherever Standard-Bred poultry is shown.

Plan now to arrange your vacation in "Pennsylvania's Vacationland." Honesdale is located on Route 6, high in the mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is a land of beautiful scenery and many lakes and rivers. Courteous people will make you welcome for "The Cockey Week-end," June 21st and 22nd. Join with the hundreds of other Fanciers making Honesdale their "Mecca for a Week-end in June."

Publicity Director.

Some Deadlines

Wayne County Fair, poultry entries close July 16; coop-in is August 5

Harford Fair, entries close August 1; coop-in is August 14-15

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Newsletter

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President's Message

Prepare for the 1st Annual EMPA Fall Auction!!! This will be our third formal event of the year, and it will be held on Saturday, September 25th.

Due to the outstanding turnout of both buyers and sellers at our Spring Auction, we are expecting an equal, if not better, turnout this Fall. That being said, we will need as much assistance as possible in all aspects of this event (set-up, food stand, auction operations, clean-up, etc).

Even if you have items in the auction or are planning to buy, we can still fit you in to help somewhere in the process. In addition to any donations from food stores, homemade baked goods and other food donations would be greatly appreciated to decrease our overall costs of the auction.

I would like to recognize all of the hard work and support that has been shown from EMPA members as well as other individuals involved with the Exhibition Poultry Industry since the start of this organization. I believe that with your support we can continue to hold extraordinary events in the future and increase the validity of our organization. I am very happy with the progress that we have shown in this first year and I look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions. I can be reached at 814-880-4918 or stiles1415@hotmail.com

Dave Stiles

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Harford Fair

August 16-21, 2004

What a Wonderful Week for Exhibition Poultry and for the EMPA!

- Eight hundred and fourteen birds entered by 30 exhibitors in the poultry and pigeon show at the 147th annual Harford Fair, with no in-house or externally-generated poultry health or management problems all week long
- New Waterfowl - Turkey - Pigeon building, completed on schedule (thanks to the leadership of Ron, Lynn, and David Stiles, and hundreds of volunteer hours of hard work put in by the Stiles family and others) and filled to capacity for the Fair; building a great success on all accounts
- 4-H Fancy Feathers' Club activities during the Fair very successful, with the club winning the blue ribbon on the 4-H garden by the poultry building; in the course of the Fair, ten new families expressed an interest in becoming involved with the 4-H Fancy Feathers Poultry Club
- Turkey calling contest in the Shade Pavilion on August 21st a great success

Details on the many poultry-related activities at this year's Harford Fair are presented in the pages that follow.

Harford Fair Poultry Show

The 147th annual fair sponsored by the Harford Agricultural Society, Susquehanna County, PA took place August 16-21, 2004.

Eight hundred and fourteen birds were entered in the show by the following exhibitors: Chuck Campfield, William Goff, Jr., Beverly Frisbie, Leroy Frisbie, Brenda Gibbon, Gary Gibbon, Jack Kiska, Janet Kiska, Merl Rynearson, Ron Stiles, David Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Brian Pifer, Brett Pifer, Aaron Pifer, Amanda Boman, Ashley Boman, Makayla Kingston, Bethany Page, Joan Lewis, H. J. Lewis, Tommie Lewis, Vanessa Koedatich, Jackie Koedatich, Robert Simons, Jennifer Sartell, Jessica Sartell, Philip Hartman, and S. Robert Powell.

On Sunday, August 15, the 130 pigeons in the show were judged by David Stiles. Here are the champions of the pigeon show: Best Pigeon, Best Pair, Best Old Pair, all Thai Laughers, shown by Merl Rynearson; Reserve Pair, Non-Flown Homers, shown by Lynn Stiles; Best Young Bird, Parlor Roller male, shown by Lynn Stiles; Reserve of Show, Blue Lahore, shown by Jessica Sartell.

On Monday, August 16, the poultry (229 standard chickens, 280 bantam chickens, 71 ducks and geese, 39 turkeys, 65 guinea fowl) were judged by Elton Minnich, Rick Porr, and the Rev. Roland Romig, with S. Robert Powell judging the Fancy Feathers 4-H poultry club show and the junior showmanship contest.

The Grand Champion of the Show was the Silver Laced Wyandotte hen that was shown by Vanessa Koedatich, who was awarded the annual trophy in memory of the late Cecil E. Rose of Montrose, PA.

The Reserve Champion of the Show was the Gray Call old duck that was shown by Merl Rynearson, who was awarded the annual trophy in honor of Anson Tiffany of Kingsley, PA.

Here is the complete list of the champions of the junior and open poultry shows:

JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPIONS

Champion Bantam, Quail Antwerp Belgian cock, shown by Jessica Sartell; Reserve Champion Bantam, White Silkie cockerel, shown by Jessica Sartell.

Champion Standard, Black Australorp cock, shown by Philip Hartman; Reserve Champion Standard, White-Faced Black Spanish hen, shown by Jessica Sartell.

OPEN SHOW CHAMPIONS

STANDARD CHICKENS

Champion Clear Colored, Buff Rock cock, shown by Chuck Campfield; Reserve Champion Clear Colored, Australorp hen, shown by Lynn Stiles; Champion Particolored Standard, Brown Leghorn hen, shown by Chuck Campfield; Reserve Champion Particolored, Partridge Rock cock, shown by S. Robert Powell; Champion Featherlegged, Black Langshan cock, shown by Bob Simons; Reserve Champion Featherlegged, Buff Brahma hen, shown by Lynn Stiles.

BANTAM CHICKENS

Champion Clear Colored, Black Wyandotte cock, shown by Chuck Campfield; Reserve Champion Clear Colored, White Rock hen, shown by Chuck Campfield; Champion Particolored, Silver Wyandotte hen, shown by Vanessa Koedatich; Reserve Champion Particolored, Quail Antwerp Belgian cock, shown by Jessica Sartell; Champion Featherlegged, Buff Brahma hen, shown by Vanessa Koedatich; Reserve Champion Feather Legged, White Silkie cockerel, shown by Jessica Sartell.

WATERFOWL

Champion Waterfowl, Gray Call old duck, shown by Merl Rynearson; Reserve Champion Waterfowl, White Crested old drake, shown by Ron Stiles.

TURKEYS, GUINEA FOWL

Champion Turkey, Bourbon Red, old tom, shown by David Stiles; Reserve Champion Turkey, Bourbon Red old hen, shown by Lynn Stiles. Champion and Reserve Champion Guinea Fowl, Pearl old cock and old hen, respectively, shown by S. Robert Powell.

New Waterfowl Building

The new waterfowl - turkey - pigeon building on the Harford Fairgrounds was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 P.M. on Monday, August 16, 2004. The master of ceremonies for the occasion was S. Robert Powell, one of the poultry superintendents and vice-president of the Harford Fair.

The ceremonies began with a welcome by S. R. Powell to the large group of poultry exhibitors and their families and friends, 4-H members, EMPA members, Harford Fair visitors, and Fair officials, including Jeff Page, president of the Harford Fair, and Rich Carpenetti, a member of the Fair's executive committee.

Dave Stiles, who designed the building and its interior layout, spoke about the design and construction of the building, which was erected at a cost of \$27,000 (\$13,500 from the Harford Fair; \$13,500 in matching funds from the Pennsylvania State Fair Fund capital improvements program).

The Reverend Roland Romig, one of the leading waterfowl and turkey judges in North America and the judge chosen to judge the first show in the new building, congratulated the Fair on the new building and said that the building was not only an ideal set-up in which to show and to judge waterfowl, turkeys, and pigeons, but also a visitor-friendly building that would be a remarkable asset to exhibition poultry in Susquehanna County and a credit to the Harford Fair for generations to come.

Jeff Page congratulated David Stiles on the design of the new building and offered a thank you to all who had made the building possible.

With that, David Stiles was asked to come forward and to cut the ribbon across the entrance to the building. He did so, and the building was officially declared open to the public.

Posted inside the Waterfowl / Turkey Building was the following notice:

Welcome to Our New Waterfowl / Turkey /
Pigeon Facility

We thank the following for their help in this project:

Our Friends in Harrisburg
The Harford Fair Board
Dr. and Mrs. Davenport
Very's Building Construction
Dave Stiles for building design and interior layout

Estabrook Excavating (original lot excavation)

Benedict Construction (concrete work)
Susquehanna Home Center (lumber and hardware supplies)

New Milford Hardware (lumber and hardware supplies)

Wilcox General Services (electric work)

Larry Mack (power supply)

Ted Hirsch . . . New Milford Agway; and
"Bob" . . . Tunkhannock Agway (feed, bedding, supplies)

The interior construction crew: Ron Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Dave Stiles, Jim Stiles, Bill Goff, Cliff Lavell, Deanna Danski

Minutes of EMPA Meeting,

August 21, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6 P.M. on August 21, 2004, in Waterfowl - Turkey - Pigeon building on Harford Fairgrounds by Dave Stiles. Present were Bill Goff, Harold Alesky, Joe Karpov, Robert Simons, David A. Stiles, Judi Sartell, Merl and Bess Rynearson, Kathie Lavell, Cliff Lavell, Bethany Page, Ron Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Jennifer Sartell, and S. Robert Powell.

The main item on the agenda: getting ready for the auction on September 25. Set up will be on Friday at 6 P.M. The cages in which the sale birds are placed before being sold will be numbered in order to make it very clear to all buyers exactly which birds are being sold. The EMPA will set up a food stand (hot dogs, hamburgers, soda), with coffee and donuts for sale before auction begins and all day long. Buyers at the auction must present a driver's license or valid ID when they register to get a buyer's number.

The EMPA will have shirts produced by Bird Dog Embroidery (\$6.50 per shirt + logo). Lynn Stiles and Judi Sartell have agreed to chair "the shirt committee."

Judi Sartell reported on the highly successful turkey calling contest (19 competitors in three divisions) that was sponsored by the poultry department at this year's Fair; club members gave her a round of applause for her role in the success of the event.

Jennifer Sartell and the EMPA will sponsor the initiative to have Sweetgrass turkeys admitted to the American Poultry Association's *American Standard of Perfection*. Under Jennifer's direction, a standard of perfection for Sweetgrass turkeys will be drawn up.

The treasurer reported that as of August 14, 2004, there is a balance in the EMPA checking account of \$1,085.49.

Samples were shown to the group of the hand-painted awards that EMPA member Beth Page is working on for next year's EMPA show. The group congratulated Beth on her beautiful awards and encouraged her to think about the possibility of selling her awards through *Poultry Press* and on a national scale.

Cliff Lavell suggested that a press release be prepared by the EMPA on the new waterfowl - turkey - pigeon building.

With no additional business to discuss, it was regularly moved (Alesky) and seconded (C. Lavell) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell
Secretary/Treasurer

Auction on September 25th

The EMPA will host a live-bird poultry auction (poultry, rabbits, small animals, poultry supplies, cage birds, etc.) on Saturday, September 25, at the Harford Fairgrounds, Susquehanna County.

Set up for the auction will be on Friday the 24th, starting at 6 P.M. If you can be there, your help will be much appreciated.

Poultry Genetics

Bird Flu Update

EMPA member Tom Lipiec has brought to our attention two websites that you will find interesting and important.

The first is:

http://marsa_sellers.tripod.com/geneticspages/page0.html

Go there and you will be able to fine-tune your knowledge of poultry genetics.

The second is:

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/HEALTH/conditions/08/25/bird.flu.reut/index.html>

Go there to get the latest information on the bird flu situation.

Our thanks to tlipiec@aol.com for bringing these interesting and important websites to the attention of EMPA members.

Welcome New Members

EMPA membership applications were received during the week of the Harford Fair from:

1. **Amanda George**, 570 Main Road, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 (junior member)

2. **G. F. Morcom**, Five Forth-Third Street, Carbondale, PA 18407 570-282-0624

EMPA Show in June 2004

On July 24, 2004, Robert Powell received an e-mail from Paul Kroll, who was one of the judges at the EMPA's inaugural poultry show in June 2004. In his message, Paul Kroll remarked as follows about the EMPA show in June 2004: "It was one of the most pleasurable experiences of my life! Finally, you and I got to visit . . . a very rare occurrence. It was great to be with all of you and especially to see and visit with Merl Rynearson again. My best to you all."

4-H Fancy Feathers Poultry Club

By Judi Sartell

This year was a great success for the Fancy Feathers 4-H Poultry Club. Every year, the Harford Fair has a contest for the 4-H clubs in Susquehanna country to do a garden on the grounds for the Fair. Every year the gardens are to have a specific theme. This year's theme was "the history of agriculture."

Thousands of visitors to the Harford Fair stopped and admired the Fancy Feathers 4-H garden along the side of the poultry building. In the garden were displayed live birds: Silkies and Sweetgrass turkeys, made available by the Sartell family.

Posted at the back of the garden on the flipped-up covers to the former dog-coops on the outside of the poultry building (in which 65 Helmeted Guinea Fowl were displayed this year) were signs and posters about the history of exhibition poultry in America. A wide range of annual and perennial flowers in blossom were also featured in the garden.

As always, the club did a very good job, and won the blue ribbon (1st place, \$60 prize) for the best 4-H Garden at the 147th Harford Fair.

Showmanship Competition

A poultry showmanship competition, judged by S. Robert Powell, was conducted. The Grand Champion in the senior division was Jessica Sartell; the Reserve Champion was Philip Hartman. The Grand Champion in the junior division was Tomi Lewis; the Reserve Champion was Makayla Kingston.

Pet Chicken Contest

The pet chicken contest was judged by Jessica Sartell and Beth Page. Tomi Lewis was the Grand Champion winner and Makayla Kingston as the Reserve Champion winner. The grand champion winner of type was a White Silkie cock shown by Tomi Lewis; Reserve Champion was an Antwerp

Belgian hen shown by Jessica Sartell.

Turkey Calling Contest

A highly successful turkey calling contest, sponsored by the Poultry Department of the Harford Fair, took place in the Shade Pavilion on the Harford Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 21, 2004, from noon to 2 P.M.

The event was organized by EMPA member Judi Sartell and Pro Staffer Jim Gilbert from Quaker Boy Turkey Calls.

In spite of the wind and heavy rain, the Shade Pavilion was filled with an enthusiastic and appreciative assembly of enthusiasts and spectators for this first-ever turkey calling contest at the Harford Fair.

Nineteen callers entered the competition (more than entered the turkey calling competition at the New York State Fair, so we are told), in which trophies were awarded to the first place caller in each of the three different age divisions. Turkey calls were awarded to second, third, and fourth place in each division.

Special thanks to Judi Sartell and Jim Gilbert for all that they did to make this contest the great success that it was.

EMPA Breeders' List

A Fall Breeders' List is in the making. If you would like to be included, please send your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Ron Stiles, RR 2 Box 2208, Hallstead, PA 18822, or e-mail to lstyles@nep.net.

Even if you have been on the list before, send in a new listing. It's a great way to advertise. Deadline will be Oct. 1.

Just for the Record

The EMPA hosted a spring auction on 04-10-04 and a summer show on 06-12-04. The EMPA fall auction will be on 09-25-04. Next spring's EMPA auction will be on 04-30-05. The 08-31-04 *EMPA Newsletter* is the eighth 8-page newsletter published by the association since it was organized on 11-22-03.

Endless Mountains Poultry Association Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I Name and Objectives

Section 1, Name: The name of this organization shall be the Endless Mountains Poultry Association.

Section 2, Objectives: The EMPA is committed to promoting the backyard and exhibition poultry industry throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond while at the same time supporting and sponsoring activities and events for 4-H and junior exhibitors.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1, Qualifications: All worthy persons of honorable character, interested in our association and our ideas, are eligible for membership. Once a person has applied for membership, there will be a screening process and then membership will be decided by majority vote of EMPA members in good standing.

Section 2, Membership: A member in good standing is one who has paid annual dues.

- (A) Individual and Family Memberships shall be \$10.00, subject to change upon vote of the Executive Committee.
- (B) Youth members under the age of 18 shall not be charged for membership in the organization, subject to change upon vote of the Executive Committee.
- (C) Any member who has not paid their dues by the end of January will be regarded as an inactive member and will be removed from the mailing list at that time.

Section 3, Expulsion: The Executive Committee will remove from office, any officer, director or regular member, upon majority vote by this committee, for misconduct or failure to perform the duties of the office. The Executive Committee shall pass on all questions of conduct of members and decided whether or not to revoke them from membership.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1, Executive Committee: The executive committee shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two directors.

- (A) These officers shall be elected every year by majority vote of the membership.
- (B) Initially one director will have a term of 2 years and the other for 3 years to promote continuity in the executive committee.
- (C) Elected positions are open to any member in good standing for at least 6 months.
- (D) Outgoing President will have a position on the executive committee for one year

Section 2, Appointed Positions: Appointed positions shall include the following: two Youth Coordinators, Poultry Show Secretary, Pigeon Show Secretary, Show Superintendent, and 2 Membership Supervisors.

- (A) These positions are appointed by the President.
- (B) If future need arises for additional positions or committees they shall be appointed.
- (C) Appointed positions are open to any member in good standing.

[At the March 20, 2004 meeting of the EMPA, it was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (Judi Sartell) that the version of the EMPA Constitution and By-Laws printed here (pp. 6-8 of the EMPA Newsletter, August 31, 2004) be accepted. The motion carried.]

ARTICLE IV
Duties of Officers and Appointed Positions

Section 1, President: The President's duties shall be to preside at meetings, preserve order, maintain orderly conduct, decide on all points of law and order, appoint committees and see that all officers properly perform their duties.

Section 2, Vice-President(s): The Vice-President's duties shall be the same as those of the President in his absence.

Section 3, Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer's duties shall be to keep a just and true account of the dues, fees, and any other monies along with the duties of organization of the newsletter.

- (A) There shall be a financial report published in the newsletter at least once a year.
- (B) There shall be a sufficient number of newsletters published and sent to the membership as to provide the said membership with current and viable organizational information.

Section 4, Directors: The Directors' duties shall be to oversee the operations of the club by making sure that the by-laws are being followed and the EMPA philosophy and values are always maintained.

Section 5, Youth Coordinators: The Youth Coordinators' duties shall be to work with the Executive Committee to coordinate all youth events as well as to bring forth any requests of the junior members.

Section 6, Show Secretary (Poultry or Pigeon Show): The Show Secretary's duties shall be to coordinate the following aspects of the EMPA's poultry or pigeon shows:

- (A) judge selection (final decision by executive committee)
- (B) specialty meets
- (C) show catalog
- (D) coop cards
- (E) chinese auction
- (F) donations and awards

The Show Secretary shall have the authority to create committees to help with the implementation of the aspects of the show listed above.

Section 7, Show Superintendent: The Show Superintendent's duties shall be to maintain the facilities associated with the EMPA's poultry or pigeon shows. These duties may include coordinating a team of members to acquire, construct or otherwise make ready all of the necessary cooping for the shows.

Section 8, Membership Supervisors: The Membership Supervisors' duties shall be to screen all potential members for eligibility for membership in the EMPA as well as provide a listing of these members for discussion and majority vote at the next regular EMPA meeting.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1, Regular Meetings: A regular meeting of the EMPA shall be held each month unless postponed by a consensus of the Executive Officers for sufficient reason.

- (A) Regular meetings shall be held at a time convenient to those involved.
- (B) Regular meetings shall be announced at least 1 meeting prior to the scheduled date.

Section 2, Special Meetings: A special meeting of the EPMA may be called by any of the Executive Officers or a group of at least 4 active members.

- (A) Two weeks notice must be given prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Section 3, Emergency Executive Meeting: An emergency meeting can be held by phone, email or other correspondence.

- (A) These meetings shall only be held in situations that require immediate attention.
- (B) A vote of 4 of the 6 executive committee members will be considered binding.

Section 4, Attendance: All Executive Officers shall be required to attend no less than 10 monthly meetings, unless sufficient reason is provided.

Section 5, Order of Business

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Attendance
- 3.) Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes
- 4.) Reports from Officers
- 5.) Reports from Committees
- 6.) Unfinished Business
- 7.) New Business
- 8.) Suggestions for Betterment or Grievances
- 9.) Adjournment

Section 6, Conduct of Meetings: The highest-ranking officer shall conduct meetings with attention to correct parliamentary procedure. The meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order unless it is at variance with the EMPA Constitution and By-laws.

Section 7, Motions: Motions before the membership will pass or fail by a majority of those present and voting, except where the motion concerns finances or additions to the Constitution and By-laws. Such motions, to be passed, require a similar majority, but shall be subject to recall at the following meeting. If at that time, a recall has not been made, the motion will stand as passed.

(A) Any member in good standing may offer a motion.

(B) All motions concerning Finances or changes to the Constitution and By-laws shall be subject to majority vote of the membership.

Section 8: Quorum: A quorum shall consist of 7 members in good standing, with 2 of those being elected officers.

**ARTICLE VI
Elections**

Section 1, Nominations: Nominations for officers and directors shall be sent to the Secretary, to be received no later than November 30th.

(A) Write in nominations shall be read at the regular December meeting.

(B) Additional nominations shall be accepted at this time.

Section 2: Voting: Officers shall be elected every year by means of a mail ballot.

(A) All members in good standing will receive ballots.

(B) The ballot will contain a list of candidates for the various positions.

(C) All ballots must be returned by mail to the Secretary before the regular January meeting.

Section 3, Formal Elections: Elections shall be held at the January meeting.

(A) The Secretary shall keep the ballots unopened and they shall then be opened and counted by a member in good standing.

(B) Newly elected officers assume office as of this meeting.

**ARTICLE VII
Future Needs**

If in the future, needs arise that are not provided for in the current by-laws or changes need to be made, this can be done through the following process:

(A) The change or addition must be presented at a regular EMPA meeting, submitted in writing by any member in good standing.

(B) There will then be discussion and a vote by majority of members present for acceptance of the change or addition as a proposal for an amendment to the by-laws.

(C) This proposal will then be printed in the newsletter and read at 2 consecutive regular meetings.

(D) At the conclusion of the second reading, the acceptance of the proposal as an amendment to the by-laws will be decided by a majority vote of members present.

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January 31, 2005

EMPA Meeting this Saturday

The EMPA will meet this coming Saturday, February 5, at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford, PA.

We have a lot to do to get ready for our auction (April 30) and summer show (June 11).

Be there if you can.

From DAVID STILES

As we begin our second year as an organization, I want to congratulate everyone on our successes in the past year, both as a whole and individually. We have taken great strides since last year and hopefully, we will continue in the same manner this year.

Our spring auction is just around the corner (April 30th) and we need to begin to get into the mode of planning for it. The next big event after the auction will be our summer show. We can always use extra hands when preparing for these events, so your help will be greatly appreciated.

Another great way to assist in the auction preparation is simply getting the word out about our auction. Whether it be hanging a sign at the local feed dealer or simply calling a friend that raises poultry or small animals, every little bit helps. Last year's spring auction was a great first accomplishment for the EMPA and I am confident that this year will be even better with your help.

Hopefully by now you have all shoveled out and defrosted your birds so that the hatching season can begin.

If you have any questions, problems or suggestions dealing with the EMPA or poultry in general, please feel free to call or email me at 814-880-4918 or stiles1415@hotmail.com.

Dave Stiles, EMPA President

EMPA QUESTIONNAIRE

Upcoming issues of this newsletter will feature profiles of EMPA members.

Given here are nine questions that all of us in the club should answer. Send your answers to Ron Stiles and he will prepare the profiles for publication here.

Ron Stiles, RR 2, Box 2208, Hallstead, PA 18822. lstiles@nep.net

MEMBER PROFILE

Please answer the following questions, so that your profile may be featured in a future EMPA newsletter:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone/ email
4. On what breeds of poultry, waterfowl, turkeys, cage birds, etc. do you concentrate?
5. How did you first become interested in poultry?
6. Who was the most influential person(s) that guided your first experiences with poultry?
7. To what other poultry organizations do you belong?
8. In what other official capacities do you participate with poultry?
9. Please include anything else you would like us to know about your life with poultry.

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA !

On January 28, Judi Sartell reported to us that "Jessica sent in a professional picture of her spring yearling Holstein heifer to the Youth All-Pennsylvania Photo Contest. And Guess What. She Got Junior All-PA Spring Yearling.

We are in shock. We never expected that. Jess is flying high."

And then on January 31, Judi reported that on "Saturday she [Jessica] won two gold medals in the Snowboarding comp at Camelback. This is the comp that she did last year to go to Nationals."

Congratulations Jessica on these two wonderful wins.

EMPA members will recall that Jessica had BOTH Champion Bantam and Champion Standard in the Junior Show at the APA annual show in Syracuse this past October!

2005 APA Yearbook Ads

The EMPA's full-page ad in the 2004 *APA Yearbook* (page 98) is beautiful.

Individual space ads from EMPA members for the EMPA full-page ad that we will place in the 2005 *APA Yearbook* have been received from Tom and Carol Richardson, and Dick and Thola Waldau.

If you are interested in taking out an ad on this club page, the cost is \$16 per ad--which is a real bargain when you consider the fact that the *APA Yearbook* is read by many thousands of poultry fanciers around the world.

All ads must be received by the EMPA secretary before March 1, 2005.

EMPA Youth Corner

A new feature of these EMPA newsletters, beginning with this issue (see page 6), is the "Youth Corner" page by Jessica Sartell.

Special thanks to Jessica Sartell for making the "Youth Corner" page a reality. We look forward to this feature in all future issues of the *EMPA Newsletter*.

Chances on Incubator

Enclosed is a sheet of six chances on the Brinsea Octagon 20 Digital Incubator that will be chanced off at the EMPA June 11, 2005 Summershow.

These chances are \$2.00 each, or six for \$10. Fill out the chances and send your payment to the EMPA secretary at the address given at the head of this newsletter.

EMPA Membership Renewals

Membership renewals have been received from Thomas Saullo, John Beeman (5 years), Harold Alesky, Fred Herrick, Merl and Bess Rynearson, Jack C. Kester, Don Perrin, Susan and John Jackson, Paul A. Jones, Brian and Brett Pifer, Howard Kogan, Kiska family (Jack, Janet, Johanna), James W. Allan, Wendy Robinson, Jackie and Vanessa Koedatich, Paul F. Kroll, David C. Six, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Romig, Lew S. McGinnis, Joseph D. Snow, and April, Thomas, and Tyler Cook.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome Jordan Knott, Whitesville, KY as a member of the EMPA.

Thank You

When he renewed his membership in the EMPA for 2005, Paul Kroll enclosed the following note: "I continue to enjoy these EMPA newsletters. Keep up the great work, and know it is greatly appreciated."

With his 2005 membership renewal, Howard Kogan enclosed the following note: "I am rejoining to support the club and in response to the informative newsletters. I wish I was closer and could attend the shows. Best wishes for a good new year."

Thank you Paul Kroll and Howard Kogan for your words of appreciation.

Thanks, in addition, to EMPA member Mark Burns for providing Juan Alvarado (Greentown, PA) with information about the EMPA.

Juan is an avid pigeon and dove enthusiast who is mostly interested in American and Indian fantails, trumpeters, and short-faced breeds of pigeons. A copy of the December 29, 2004 *EMPA Newsletter* and a membership application form were sent to Juan in January 2005 by the EMPA secretary.

Thanks also to (1) Bill Goff for a \$20 donation to the club (01-08-05) to be used toward expenses at the EMPA spring auction or summer show, and (2) to Bob Whitney and family for the \$25 donation that was made in 2004 in support of EMPA activities.

Minutes of January 8, 2005 EMPA Meeting

By S. Robert Powell, Secretary

The January 8, 2005 meeting of the EMPA was called to order at 11:40 A.M. by president David Stiles. The meeting took place at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford. Present were Ron, Lynn, and David Stiles, Bill Goff, Roland and Beverly Romig, John Beeman, S. Robert Powell, Kathleen Lavelle, Judith Sartell, and Harold Alesky.

It was regularly moved (R. Stiles) and seconded (Beeman) that the minutes of the December 11, 2004 EMPA meeting, as published on pages 3-4 of the December 29, 2004 *EMPA Newsletter*, be approved as printed. The motion carried.

The secretary reported that there was a balance of \$1,202.46 in the EMPA's checking account as of December 31, 2004.

Show secretary Judi Sartell reported that good progress is being made in the plans for 2005 EMPA Summershow on June 11. Photos of the bantam and standard champion birds at the EMPA 2004 Summershow will be presented on the cover of the 2005 Summershow catalogue. She also reported that a Brinsea Octagon 20 digital incubator has been purchased by the EMPA. Chances will sell at \$2 each or six for \$10. A sheet of six chances will be enclosed in the January 2005 *EMPA Newsletter*. The drawing will take place on June 11, 2005.

Judi also reported that a wide range of activities will take place at the 2005 EMPA Summershow as exhibitors wait for the judging to be completed, including horseshoe toss and checkers competitions. There will also be a guess-the-weight competition: three chickens will be placed in show cages. Persons who choose to enter this competition and guess the weight of the birds will pay a \$1.00 fee.

It was also suggested that Beth Page might want to consider setting up a table and displaying her artwork, the thought being that if she does so that she will surely be able to sell and take commissions for poultry paintings.

Robert Powell reported that the EMPA auction on April 30th and the EMPA

Summershow on June 11th are both now on the official Harford Fair calendar for the year.

Three interesting "specials" were announced for the 2005 Summershow: (1) Female Derby, "Call of the Hen," sponsored by Ron Stiles; Male Derby, sponsored by S. Robert Powell; President's Choice, sponsored by David Stiles.

A general discussion of publicity for EMPA activities in 2005 followed. It was agreed by all that a broad range of advertising on the immediate local level was important for the success of the April 30th auction.

The following persons were elected officers of the EMPA for 2005: Dave Stiles, president; Rev. Roland Romig, first vice-president; Tom Lipiec, second vice-president; S. Robert Powell, secretary - treasurer.

In addition, EMPA Directors: Bob Simons (2-year term to expire end of 2005), Harold Alesky (3-year term to expire at end of 2006).

Also, Judi Sartell was named EMPA show secretary; Bob Simons was named show superintendent; Rev. Roland Romig was named EMPA auctioneer (PA auctioneer license #AU 004085); S. Robert Powell was named editor of the *EMPA Newsletter*; Beth Page and Jessica Sartell were named youth coordinators.

The installation of the above-named officers, directors, and EMPA officials for 2005 was conducted by the Rev. Roland Romig who offered a beautiful and inspired prayer that the elected and appointed officials of the EMPA for 2005 be given divine guidance and direction as they carry out their duties, obligations, and responsibilities for the coming year.

The names of several possible judges for the 2005 EMPA Summershow were presented. It was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (Lynn Stiles) that Paul Kroll and Jim Sallee be asked to judge at the 2005 EMPA Summershow and that Rick Porr be asked to serve as one of the judges at the 2006 EMPA Summershow. The motion carried.

The EMPA will again set up a poultry health testing table at the Finger Lakes Feather Club show on June 5 so that out-of-state exhibitors will be able to show birds at the EMPA show on June 11 if they choose to. Tom

Lipiec and S. Robert Powell will coordinate this testing.

The question of holding a pigeon show in conjunction with the 2005 EMPA Summershow was raised by Robert Powell, who noted that many EMPA members raise pigeons and that they might well be interested in showing them at the EMPA shows. It was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (Powell) that we "test the waters" by asking all EMPA members and others who are interested in having a pigeon show in conjunction with the June 11, 2005 EMPA show to contact EMPA president Dave Stiles (814-880-4918 or stiles1415@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

David Stiles thanked all EMPA members and friends for their strong support of the EMPA throughout the past year and noted that "we've made a very good beginning and the future of the club looks very good."

The EMPA will next meet on February 5 at noon (snow date February 12) at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (Beeman) and seconded (Alesky) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

S. Robert Powell, Secretary

Death of Anson W. Tiffany

Anson Tiffany, a very good friend to many EMPA members, died on January 26, 2005, at the age of 90. His obituary, published in the January 28 issue (page 24) of *The Scranton Times*, is given below.

Anson served well the exhibition poultry hobby as one of the superintendents at the Harford Fair for many years. For most of his 90 years, Anson raised chickens. In recent years, he raised and showed Silkies and Mille Fleur Uccle Belgians.

A trophy in memory of Anson Tiffany, to be awarded in perpetuity, will be presented to the owner of the Reserve Champion of the Poultry Show at the annual Harford Fair.

Anson W. Tiffany

January 26, 2005

Anson W. Tiffany, 90, of Harford, died Wednesday at Mid-Valley Hospital, Peckville. His wife is the former Marie Potter. They were married May 16, 1940.

Born Jan. 5, 1915, in Brooklyn, Susquehanna County, son of the late Clyde E. and Elizabeth Oakley Tiffany, he was a 1933 graduate of Harford High School and was employed by the Jeffers Tree Farm in Kingsley for more than 35 years. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Harford and the Live Oak Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, Harford.

He enjoyed raising chickens and was in charge of the poultry division at the Harford Fair. Additionally, he enjoyed gardening, woodworking and fishing.

Also surviving are two daughters, Marilyn and husband Patrick Klimcho, Reading, and Sylvia and husband Daniel Morra, Middletown; a son, Russell and wife Sookie Tiffany, Hallstead; six grandchildren, Michele and hus-

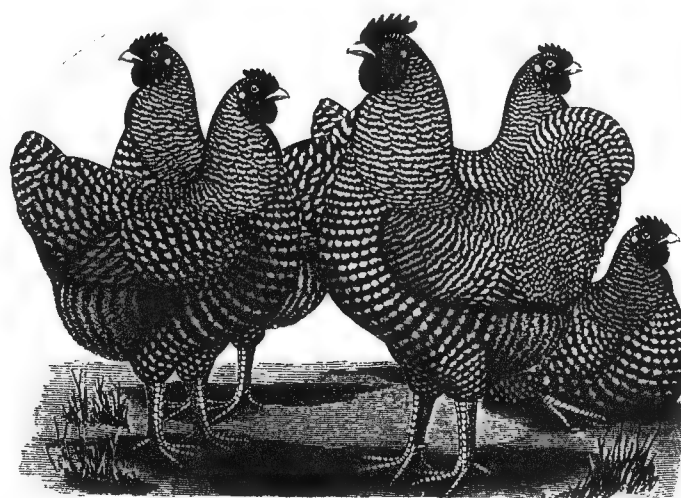
band John Hoddy, Heather and husband Steve Oldford, Linda and Michael Klimcho, and Sierra and Jalen Morra; five sisters, Eva Sutton, Sayre; Marjorie Dolph, Sparta, Mich.; Jennie Setzer, Lacona, N.Y.; Lillian and husband Robert Franklin, Hop Bottom, and Sally Stanton, Moscow; three brothers, Henry and wife Marie Tiffany, North Haledon, N.J.; Roland and wife Jessie Tiffany, Phoenix, and Rexford and wife Beverly Tiffany, Kingsley; nieces, nephews, additional sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde E. Tiffany.

The funeral will be Saturday with services at 2 p.m. in First Congregational Church of Harford. The family will receive friends after the service in the Lecture Hall.

The family suggests, that if desired, memorial contributions be made to the First Congregational Church of Harford, P.O. Box 217, Harford, 18823, or the Harford Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 206, Harford, 18823.

Arrangements, Bartron-Myer Funeral Home, 74 Church St., Montrose.



"Specials" for the EMPA Summer Show, June 11, 2005

This is a fill-in-the-blanks form for putting up "specials" for the EMPA's summer show, June 11, 2005. You need not be limited to the kinds of specials described here. Feel free to make up your own. In order for your special to be listed in the show catalogue, payment must be received by April 15.

I would like to put up the following "specials" for the 2005 EMPA Summer Show:

\$_____ for Champion _____

\$_____ for Reserve Champion _____

\$_____ for Best _____

\$_____ for _____ in honor of _____

\$_____ for _____ in memory of _____

\$_____ for _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Mail to: **Ms. Judi Sartell, R. R. 2, Box 121-Z, Thompson, PA 18465.**

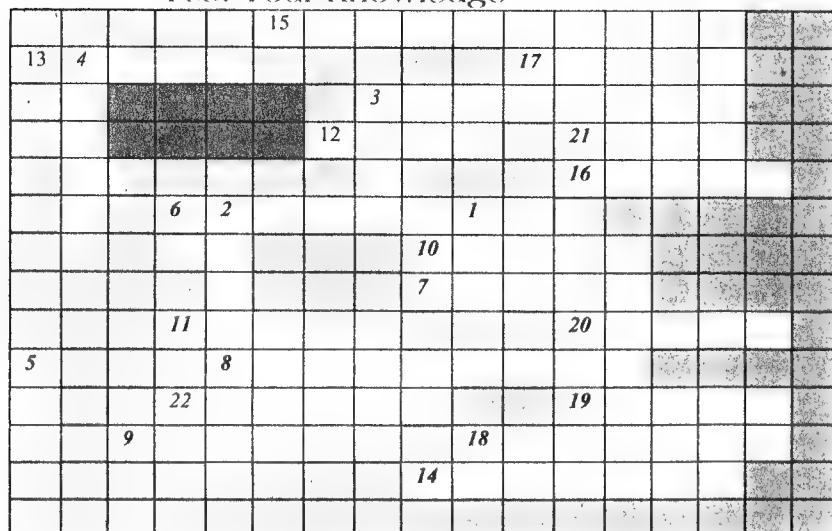


Youth Corner

By: Jessica Sartell



Test Your Knowledge



Did you know?

- Eggs age more one day at room temperature than one week in the refrigerator.
- A hen produces one normal egg in about 23 to 32 hours.
- Stress factors causing disease: chilling, poor ventilation, overcrowding, inadequate feeding and watering, over medication.

Down

1. Extension of the quill the entire length of the feather which the barbs are attached
2. Rumples fowl
3. First soft, fine, fluffy, plumage covering a chick
4. Female under 1 year old
5. Small opening on each side of head

Across

5. Baby duck
6. Bantam with real short legs
7. Essential to keeping all birds growing and healthy
8. State of a fowl in regard to health including cleanliness
9. Waterfowl that walks upright
10. Luster in the plumage
11. 14 standard breeds of these which are divided into four classes
12. Functions as a cooling system for poultry
13. Single, round, tapering growth extending back from the rear of a rose comb
14. Miniatures of the poultry world
15. Goose with curled feathers
16. Portion of the leg below the hock
17. Group of breeds according to geographic area
18. Tells you what color the egg the chicken will lay
19. Baby turkey
20. Castrated male
21. Needed for newly hatched chicks
22. Comb resembling one half of a walnut

Answers in next months issue

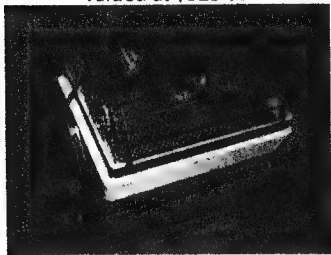
Disease in the Spotlight:

Coccidiosis: Protozoa that are parasites of the intestinal tract cause this very common disease in young chickens. Birds with this disease have bloody diarrhea and do not gain weight well; young birds often die. This disease can be prevented and treated with medicated chick starter. It is not contagious to other chicks.

Breed in the Spotlight:

Araucana: This bird came from South America and they lay a turquoise or blue shelled egg. They were first imported into the United States early 1930's. They are rumples and have tufts of feathers protruding from each side of the neck. The characteristic for blue egg color is dominant and if crossed with other breeds will lay blue or tinted eggs. By doing this they are often confused to be pure Araucanas. Check out the "Araucana Club of America" at araucana.freehosting.net.

Endless Mountains Poultry Association
Raffle
Brinsea
Octagon 20 Digital Incubator
with automatic egg turner
valued at \$325.00



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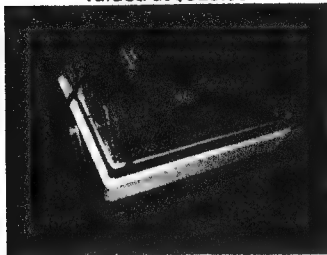
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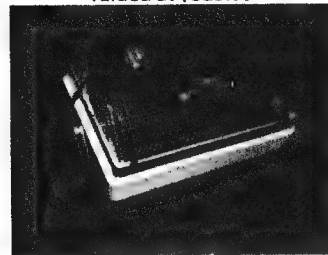
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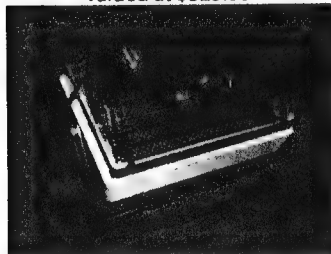
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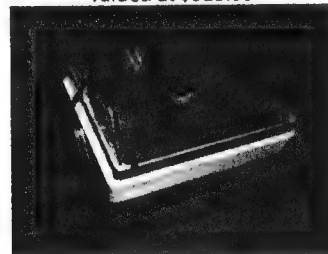
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February 28, 2005

Next EMPA Meeting

The EMPA will meet on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at noon, at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, PA.

Minutes of February 5, 2005 EMPA Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the EMPA took place, beginning at noon, on February 5, 2005 at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford. Present were Dave Stiles, Robert Simons, Judith Sartell, Bill Goff, S. Robert Powell, Joan Lewis, Jordan Ayers, Harold Alesky, Tom Lipiec, Kathy Schofield, Rev. Roland Romig, Merl Rynearson, Bess Rynearson, Beverly Romig, Lynn Stiles, Ron Stiles, Jodie Stanford, Steven Stanford, and Tomi Lewis.

As the meeting began, Judi Sartell reported that the 2005 EMPA Summershow is shaping up nicely. She has already received \$70 for chances on the Brinsea Octagon 20 Digital incubator. She also reported that she has received generous cash specials for the 2005 EMPA Summershow from Paul Kroll and the Stiles family.

David Stiles extended a welcome to the new EMPA members present, Jordan Ayers and Jodie and Steven Stanford.

The Recording Secretary presented the minutes of the January 8, 2005 meeting of the EMPA. It was regularly moved (R. Stiles) and seconded (Alesky) that the minutes, as published on pages 3-4 of the January 31, 2005 *EMPA Newsletter*, be approved as published and placed on file. The motion carried.

David Stiles reported that he will have EMPA auction flyers (to be posted at feed stores and on public bulletin boards) at the March meeting of the association.

A discussion as to the date of the EMPA's fall auction took place. It was regularly moved

(Goff) and seconded (J. Sartell) that the EMPA fall auction take place on September 24, 2005. The motion carried. Rev. Romig said that all buyers and sellers at previous EMPA auctions should be sent a notice of the 2005 EMPA spring and fall auctions.

Spring Auction: It was agreed among the members present that the set-up of sales cages at the auction should not be quite as spread out as it was at last fall's auction. Robert Powell said that he would make sure that an auction ad was in the March and April issues of *Poultry Press*; Rev. Romig said that he would see that an ad was placed in the *Show Bird Journal*. Bill Goff said that we will need a couple of new tarps to hang at the side of the sheep building to protect against the wind and weather during the auction. Ron Stiles said that there are a couple of new tarps in the Waterfowl Building that we can use if necessary.

David Stiles reported on his visit to the annual show of the National Pigeon Association in Lancaster, PA in January. At the show, David acquired a pair of Blue Archangels.

Merl Rynearson reported that he started showing at the Harford Fair in 1931. He said that Anson Tiffany was associated with the Poultry Department at the Harford Fair as early as the late 1920s. Bill Goff reported that he has 500 metal coop tag holders for use in the poultry buildings at Harford.

Several members present said that they would like to see classes provided for pigeons at EMPA shows. The point was made that the EMPA was not ready at this time to conduct a pigeon show in the same format that is used at most pigeon shows. Rather, the pigeons would be judged in the cages they are shown in and the cages would have shavings in them. It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (R. Stiles) that a pigeon show take place in conjunction with the June 11 EMPA poultry show. The motion carried.

A discussion took place about showing wild waterfowl and pheasants at EMPA shows. It was regularly moved (R. Romig) and seconded (Lipiec) that a prize be awarded at EMPA shows for the best display of non-domestic fowl. The motion carried.

Judi Sartell presented the idea of the association's producing a cookbook. Judi has downloaded from the Internet lots of material on such a project: the books would cost approximately \$2.55 and we would have to produce 200 copies. It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (R. Romig) that the project be initiated, with a target date of March 2006 for completion. The motion carried.

Ron Stiles said that he would coordinate the production of Member Profiles, as announced on page 1 of the January 31, 2005 *EMPA Newsletter*.

David Stiles congratulated Jessica Sartell on the "Youth Corner" in the January 2005 *EMPA Newsletter* and said that he hoped to see a youth page in all future club newsletters.

Space ads for the EMPA full-page ad in the 2005 *APA Yearbook* have been taken out by Dick and Thola Waldau, Tom Richardson, Tom Lipiec, Sartell Family, Stiles family, and S. Robert Powell. Robert said that he would take care of getting the ads to the APA.

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on March 12, 2005, beginning at noon, at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, PA.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (Simons) and seconded (Goff) that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, Secretary

Congratulations Jamie Matts

On February 20, Jamie Matts reported to us the good news that he is now a licensed poultry judge. He took his written and showroom test at the Springfield show in January. Congratulations Jamie!

Jamie also reported in the same e-mail that as of February 20th he had 322 chicks hatched out, including about 100 large fowl!

Male Bird Derby

The second annual Male Bird Derby will take place at the June 11 2005 EMPA show. This special (\$25), sponsored by S. Robert Powell, is in honor of George Schroeder, Prompton, PA, a long-

time friend of many members of the EMPA and formerly the poultry superintendent and president of the Wayne County Fair.

An entry in the EMPA Male Bird Derby will consist of four large fowl male birds of the same age classification in any one of the varieties of standard chickens in the APA's *American Standard of Perfection*.

The four birds must be entered in the open show. They will be cooped consecutively in the cock or cockerel class for the variety/breed in question. It will not be necessary for an exhibitor to pay an additional entry fee to enter the Derby.

Two different judges will evaluate each bird independently. The two scores, added and divided by two, will constitute the score of each specimen. The total score of the four birds of each entry, plus a bonus of up to twenty points for uniformity, shall constitute the score of the exhibit.

The winner of this special at the June 12, 2004 EMPA show was Ron Stiles, Hallstead, PA, with four standard Buff Brahma cocks.

"Call of the Hen" Special

The Stiles family will sponsor a "Call of the Hen" special (\$25) at the June 11, 2005 EMPA show. An entry will consist of four large fowl female birds of the same age classification in any one of the varieties of standard chickens in the APA's *American Standard of Perfection*.

The judging for this special will follow the same format as that for the Male Bird Derby.

President's Choice Award

David Stiles will sponsor a President's Choice Award at the June 11, 2005 EMPA show. David will select the bird. The exhibitor of the bird will be awarded a \$25 cash special.

Congratulations Jessica

In an e-mail on March 6, Judi Sartell reported: "Just got back from two day competition in Ski Roundtop. Jess took all gold medals in four races of Giant Slalom and Slalom. Her times were real good. Now she is qualified to go to Nationals in Cooper Mountain, Colorado in April."

EMPA Cookbook

Judi Sartell is coordinating the initiative to produce an EMPA cookbook. For additional information on this project, contact Judi at buckwheat@epix.net.

EMPA Memberships

Membership renewals have been received from Chuck Campfield (2 years), Tom Lipiec, and Curtis Oakes.

If there is a 2005 EMPA Membership Renewal form enclosed in your copy of this issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*, fill it out now and send in your membership dues.

New EMPA Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members into membership in the EMPA:

Jordan Ayers, RR 2, Box 68J, New Milford, PA 18834 (junior member)

Doug and Mollie Johnson, 6320 Carpenter Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520

Bonnie Johnson, 6320 Carpenter Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520 (junior member)

Joan Lewis, RR 2, Box 206, Kingsley, PA 18826

Tomi Lewis, RR 2, Box 206, Kingsley, PA 18826

Jim and Maddie Murray, Spring Maple Farm, RR 3, Box 301, Meshoppen, PA 18630

Steven and Jodie Stanford, RR 2, Box 359, Thompson, PA 18465

Zachary Stanford, RR 2, Box 359, Thompson, PA 18465 (junior member)

Justin Stanford, RR 2, Box 359, Thompson, PA 18465 (junior member)

Thomas Cook III, Post Office Box 66, Analomink, PA 18320 (junior member)

Tyler Cook, Post Office Box 66, Analomink, PA 18320 (junior member)

EMPA Spring Auction

April 30, at 10 A.M.

Mark the date on your calendar now. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

Specials Coming In

Thanks to Bill Goff, Paul Kroll, the Stiles family, and S. Robert Powell for the cash donations and specials in support of the 2005 EMPA summer show.

To sponsor a "special," contact Judi Sartell at buckwheat@epix.net

Raffle Tickets Available

A sheet of six raffle tickets for the Brinsea Octagon 20 Digital incubator was included in your

copy of the January 31, 2005 *EMPA Newsletter*. The chances are \$2 each, or six for \$10.00.

Turkey Calling Contest

The second annual turkey calling contest at the Harford Fair will take place on Saturday, August 27, from noon to 2 P.M. in the Shade Pavilion (at the top of the hill, just across from Floral Hall) on the Harford Fairgrounds.

This is prime time, in a prime location! This is the kind of event that makes the Harford Fair so special.

The contest will be run by Quaker Boy - Pro Staffer Jim Gilbert (607-775-4349, bigbass@yahoo.com). There is no entry fee. Registration is from 11:30 A.M. to noon. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places. There will be a display/set-up in the Poultry Building from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. There will be three divisions: senior, ages 13-16, and age 12 and under.

The four calls to be performed: yelp of a hen, assembly of a hen, cutting of a hen, and caller's best call.

Candidate for APA Presidency

S. Robert will be a candidate for the office of president of the American Poultry Association in the 2006 election. Given here is a copy of the space ad announcing Powell's candidacy that was published on page 14 of the March 2005 issue of *Poultry Press*:

S. Robert Powell
will be a candidate for
APA President
in the 2006 election.

Embroidered Shirts and Jackets

Surely you've noticed the beautiful EMPA embroidered shirts and jackets that many EMPA members are wearing these days. They have been produced for the club by Bird Dawg Embroidery, Fred and Sharon Grasso, RR 1, Box

66A-1, Grinnell Road, New Milford, PA 18834.
570-434-2485 www.birddawg.net fsgrasso@nep.net

To find out how to place an order, contact
Lynn Stiles at lstiles@nep.net

Member Profiles

by Ron Stiles

In the January 31, 2005 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*, we requested that members tell us about themselves and their involvement in the world of poultry. It is not only important for us to get to know each other in this respect, but also to set an historical record for our Association. We want information about young and old alike. Please send in your profile today.

In this the February 2005 issue, we are featuring two Member Profiles: Thomas Richardson (page 5) and Curtis Oakes (pages 5-6).

DIFFERENT TYPES OF STANDARD MALE COMBS



Figure 19
Rose Comb
Standard type as in
Wyandotte males.

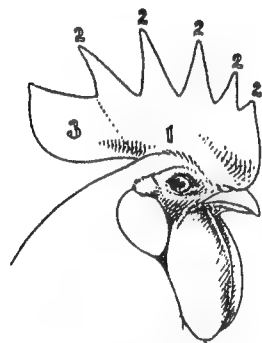


Figure 12
Single Comb
1, Base; 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, Points; 3, Blade.
For ideal types see illustrations of breeds and varieties.



Figure 13
Rose-Comb
1, Base; 2, Rounded Points; 3, Spike.
For ideal types see illustrations of breeds and varieties.



Figure 20
Single Comb
Front view, medium size, male comb. Showing strong base, firm and even position on head.



Figure 14
Pea-Comb
For ideal types see illustrations of breeds and varieties.



Figure 15
Sultans Head, Male (Ideal)
1-1, V-shaped Comb, 2, Crest; 3-3, Muffs; 4, Beard.

For ideal crested types see illustrations of Houdans and Polish.



Figure 16
Cushion-Comb (Ideal)



Figure 18
Strawberry-Comb (Ideal)

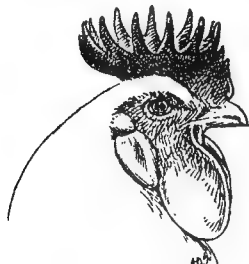


Figure 17
Buttercup-Comb (Ideal)



Figure 21
Single Comb
Standard type as in
Plymouth Rock males

Thomas Richardson

by Ron Stiles

Thomas Richardson lives with his wife, Carol, outside of Tunkhannock. He currently raises Plymouth Rock (large fowl). A very nice selection of White, Buff, Partridge, Silver-Penciled, and Columbian grace the finely manicured landscape of the Richardson's property.

Tom tells us that his poultry influences stem from the time when he was growing up. His grandparents had a poultry farm and therefore, he was always involved with poultry whether feeding them, helping with chores, or just admiring them. His father, grandparents, and uncles then became his greatest influences in nurturing his interests in poultry.

He is a member of the American Poultry Association, All-American Turkey Growers Association, Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club, Central Pennsylvania Avian Club, the Society for Preservation of Poultry Antiquities and, of course, the Endless Mountains Poultry Association.

Although Tom seems a much younger man, he began his long involvement with poultry back to the 1940s, tending to the poultry on the family farm. In his early teens, his first 100 White Leghorns (commercial) and White Pekin market ducks were purchased. He continued to raise Leghorns and ducks to supply restaurants and economy stores in Dallas, Pa. with eggs. In the early '60s, Tom began raising bantam as well as standard chickens. He traveled all the way to the Harford Fair in 1966 to show for the first time. His favorites at the time were the Buff Leghorns.

In 1983, Tom started raising Heritage Breed Turkeys and continued to raise them in great numbers until May 2004. Tom was called upon to make contributions to the first international turkey census. For many years the public enjoyed seeing his best young turkeys shown at the Harford Fair. He really had become a dominant influence in promoting Heritage Turkeys in a very wide area of the country.

After selling out his flock of turkeys, he started raising the five varieties of Plymouth Rocks. Tom tells us that he enjoys every minute of being back with chickens. He hopes to raise enough this year to be able to share with other people. He can be reached at 418 Schoolhouse Road, Tunkhannock, Pa. 18657 (570) 333-4445 or TER_and_CWR@msn.com.

Curtis R. Oakes

Curtis has been breeding and showing poultry for 46 years. He started showing Buff Leghorns in 1959 at the Butler County Fair in western Pennsylvania at age eight. He has always been interested in birds since he can remember. His parents started showing poultry in 1950; Curtis' love and dedication to the poultry fancy has grown ever since.

Curtis currently breeds 16 varieties of large fowl Leghorns and 20 varieties of Leghorn bantams. He also breeds some other rare breeds such as large White and Buff Minorcas.

He has received national recognition for his waterfowl. His American Buff (original family strain); "Imperial" Brown and White Chinese; Buff Saddleback Pomeranian and miniature Shetland Geese have been foundation breeders for many of today's fanciers. In ducks he breeds "Exhibition Line" Khaki Campbells; 8 varieties of Runners; Blue and Black Magpies; Black Cayuga; Black and White Crested; Snowy and Khaki Calls.

Henry Miller was his self-proclaimed mentor. Visiting Henry's Blue Stream Farm in Lebanon, PA during the summer to purchase stock was truly an experience that Curtis will never forget. Range houses full of young birds in nearly 100 different varieties to choose from. It was magnificent! He also had flocks of adult and young waterfowl grazing in his fields and on the ponds and streams that made up Blue Stream Farm.

Darrel Sheraw has also been a strong influence on Curtis. He urged him to get his judge's license and has supported his love of poultry with his friendship and encouragement.

Curtis has been an APA general licensed judge since 1976 and an ABA general licensed judge since 1998. He has judged extensively throughout North America. He is the poultry chairman of the Crawford County and Cochranon Community Fairs and has been on the Cochranon Fair board for 30 years, where he currently serves as vice-president. He is on the ABA Standard Revision Committee and is in the APA Hall of Fame, member #8. APA Master Exhibitor # 55 and APA Grand Master Exhibitor of Brown Chinese and American Buff geese; Black Cayuga, Khaki Campbell and Pekin ducks.

Curtis is proud to have had the opportunity to breed more than 90% of all the current breeds of chickens and bantams in the APA and ABA Standards. He has also bred all breeds of waterfowl. Until recently Curtis showed at 14 fairs during the summer season with as many as 700 birds on the road in one week. He currently shows at 9 fairs and several poultry shows.

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Feather Edge Farm
State Hwy. 173
Cochranon, PA. 16314
Phone: 814-425-8247

CARRIAGE: (1) The posture of a fowl.

(2) Also applies to the angle of various parts or sections, such as back, wing or tail, with respect to the horizontal.

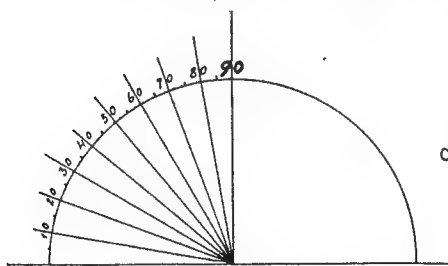


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Diagram showing Degrees
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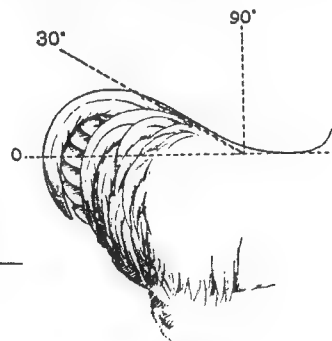


Figure 11
Measuring Tail Angles



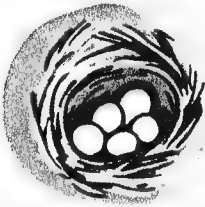
YOUTH CORNER

By: Jessica Sartell

A bit of Civil War Trivia:

The typical Confederate lady and gentleman believed in the Southern cause wholeheartedly, but the following humorous account shows an exception to that rule:

....When the state of Virginia issued an urgent call for more troops, which included men of his age. His newly made spouse believing in the adage that "he who is in the battle slain can never rise to fight again", declared to him in pleading tones that she would die if he went to war, and to save her life he consented to submit himself to her guidance. Fortunately for her scheme, she discovered an old, discarded hen's nest full of eggs that had attained an age of strength which made the famous in strong odors.



This affectionate wife selected two from the nest which she believed had secreted the most substantial and lasting odors, and with these, she filled both ears of the idol of her eye, then plugged each ear solidly with cotton batting, and accompanied him to the recruiting officer for the physical examination. Upon being questioned by the examining surgeon as to his ailments, the good wife answered that her spouse was 'a great sufferer from the misery in his ears.' Upon removing the cotton plugs, and inhaling the pent up odors of the discarded nest, the officer was convinced, and hastily advised the good woman to get her husband home as rapidly as possible as he had 'but a short while to live.'

Did you know?



- ☆ China produces most eggs, at about 160 billion per year. In the US, about 260 million hens produce more than 65 billion eggs per year. A hen can lay about 250 eggs per year.
- ☆ The chicken can travel up to 9 miles per hour.
- ☆ After an egg is laid the hen's body has a couple of hours rest then it begins producing the next egg.
- ☆ An egg takes about 24-26 hours to develop in the hen's body.

Disease in the Spotlight:

Birds appear listless, not interested in food, sometimes ravenously hungry, they lose weight and the breast bone feels very sharp. The droppings can be whitish and as the infestation continues the droppings turn light green: the bird eventually dies. This may take several weeks

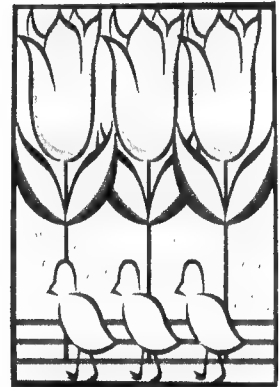
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Answers to Jan 2005 Puzzle

Correction: Across 5 suppose to be Across 3. Sorry Ron!

Down	Across			
1. shaft	3. duckling	10. sheen	15. Sebastopol	20. capon
2. araucana	6. duckling	11. ducks	16. shank	21. heat
3. down	7. water	12. comb	17. class	22. walnut
4. pullet	8. condition	13. spike	18. earlobe	
5. ear	9. runner	14. bantams	19. poult	

Sorry for the way the Jan. puzzle did not copy with the black blocks showing.

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Newsletter

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April 27, 2005

Poultry Auction this Saturday

April 30, 2005

Harford Fairgrounds

Exit 217 off of Interstate 81

Auction begins at 10 A.M.

All types of poultry, fancy pheasants, pigeons, peafowl, rabbits, cage birds, wire and equipment

Rev. Roland Romig, Auctioneer

AU004085

Lend a Hand

Set up for the auction will take place on Friday, April 29th, beginning at 4 P.M. There are many different kinds of jobs to be done, especially on Saturday before, during, and after the auction.

Bake a Pie, Make a Pot of Chili, Donate a Case of Soda or Water, You Name It.

Donations of all kinds are needed for the food stand, as are volunteers to run the food stand, and help out during and after the auction.

Next EMPA Meeting

Saturday, April 30, on the Harford Fairgrounds, right after the auction. Our second annual show will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Be there if you can. There's lots to be done to get ready for the show.

EMPA Fall Auction

September 24, 2005, Harford Fairgrounds

New EMPA Members and Membership Renewals

Doug and Mollie Johnson and their daughter Bonnie, who is 12 years old and who has been

raising backyard poultry (Buttercups) for 4 years. The Johnson family: 6320 Carpenter Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520-1106. 717-581-1159 six-JS@earthlink.com

Raymond and Cheylyn Adams and their children **Davia** and **Jase**: RR2, Box 4A, Montrose, PA 18801 570-278-8412 RaDreamFarm@yahoo.com

William McDonald, Post Office Box 600, New Milford, PA 18834. 570-278-4614, grail1@epix.net

Angela Kingston, RR1, Box 477M, Jackson, PA 18825. 570-756-2641 angie@nep.net Angela's daughter, **Makayla**, is a member of the 4-H Fancy Feathers Club and she raises Silver-Laced Wyandotte bantams.

Ed and Miriam Page (parents of **Beth Page**, long-time member of the 4-H Fancy Feathers Club and one of the EMPA youth coordinators), RR 1, Box 92F, Susquehanna, PA 18847 570-756-2602

Renewals: Westwind Stable, Joe Karpov (2 years), Rick and Karen Porr (2 years), Glenn Kugler, Stanley A. Foster.

E-Mail: The Endless Mountains Poultry Association now has its own e-mail address: endlessmtspoultryassn@yahoo.com

Minutes of March 12, 2005 EMPA Meeting

Twenty-three members were present at the March 12, 2005 meeting of the EMPA at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford: Dave Stiles, Raymond, Cheylyn, Davia and Jase Adams, John Beeman, Tom Lipiec, Joe Karpov, Bonnie J. Johnson, Mollie Johnson, Angie Kingston, Harold Alesky, Steven Stanford, Judith Sartell, Bill Goff,

Thank You, John

When John Rebhahn, Syracuse, became a member of the EMPA, he also enclosed a cash donation, "to help cover the extra expenses that are always associated with the formation of a new club or association." Thank you, John. Your donation is much appreciated.

John also reported the birth of a grandson, Will Daniel Rebhahn, on December 1, and remarked that Will "was a good candidate to become a junior member of the EMPA in the future."

EMPA Junior Exhibitors Win Big in Junior Show at Twin Tier Show

There were 35 junior exhibitors who showed their birds in the junior show at the Twin Tier Poultry Show on September 7, 2003. Four of those junior exhibitors are EMPA members and here are their wins:

Champion Mediterranean and Champion Standard of the Junior Show was a White-Faced Black Spanish hen, shown by Jessica Sartell. This same bird was also named Champion Mediterranean of the open show! See photo of Jessica and the Spanish hen on p. 43 of the December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*.

Champion English and Reserve Champion Standard was an Australorp pullet, shown by John Orlowski. See photo of the Australorp on page 43 of the

December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*.

Champion Single Comb Clean Legged and Champion Bantam was a New Hampshire pullet, shown by Mark Orlowski, Jr.

Reserve Champion Feather-legged was a Black Cochin cock, shown by Sara Orlowski.

In the junior showmanship classes, John Orlowski won first place in the senior division, and Jessica Sartell won third place in the novice division.

Congratulations to EMPA junior members Jessica, John, Mark, and Sara.

And It Was Not Only EMPA Juniors Who Won Big at the Twin Tier Show . . .

In the open show at the Twin Tier Show (1,100 birds) on September 7, 2003, a Black Old English cockerel that was show by EMPA member Ben Bensinger (Lebanon, PA) was named Grand Champion of the Show. See photo of Ben receiving trophy from Bob Whitney in the December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*, p. 43.

And a Brown Red standard Old English Game pullet that was shown by EMPA member Paul Jones (Oneida, NY) was named Champion AOSB of the show. See photo in December 2003 issue of *Poultry Press*, p. 43.

Congratulations Ben and Paul and those important wins!

Roland and Beverly Romig, Ron Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Miriam Page, Bethany Page, Ed Page, and S. R. Powell.

The meeting was called to order at noon by EMPA President, Dave Stiles, who welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Johnson and Adams families, who have become members of the EMPA.

Using the registration and sales papers from previous EMPA auctions, as well as the EMPA membership list, David had compiled a mailing list to publicize EMPA events.

Announcements of the April 30 EMPA auction have, accordingly, been mailed to many poultry people in the local area. Ron Stiles reported that the April 30 EMPA auction has also been announced on the Internet at the Poultry Connection website. Announcements of the auction have also been placed in *Lancaster Farming*, *Penny Saver*, and the *Show Bird Journal* (1/2 the ad is about the auction, the other half is about the EMPA show). A 2-column x 2-inch space ad announcing the auction was also published in the March 2005 issue (p. 9) of *Poultry Press*.

David also reported that the Endless Mountains Poultry Association now has its own e-mail address: endlessmntspoultryassn@yahoo.com

It was regularly moved (Lipiec) and seconded (R. Stiles) that the minutes of the February 5, 2005 meeting of the EMPA, as published on pages 1-2 of the February 28, 2005 *EMPA Newsletter*, be approved as published and placed on file. The motion carried.

David read to the group a notice about the new shipping regulations that must be followed to ship birds via the US Postal Service. You must contact the Post Office on the day before you plan to ship birds so that appropriate arrangements can be made. It was reported that via Continental Airlines that one can ship birds just about anywhere.

There will be an EMPA pigeon show in conjunction with the June 11 EMPA poultry show. The birds will be cooped and judged in the manner of a poultry show and not in the traditional manner of judging pigeon shows.

Judi Sartell, show secretary, reported that things are coming together nicely for the poultry show in June. Seven meets and \$160 in specials have already been received. The entry fee will be \$2 per bird. Beth Page said that the junior members of the EMPA would like to see a pet chicken class at the show.

Judi also encouraged club members to get together some favorite family recipes for the forthcoming EMPA cookbook. Judi: "The base price per cookbook is \$2.55 for a 150-recipe book. If we use their software to lay out the recipes, the price goes down. If we sell 200 copies of the book for \$7, we can make about \$1,100 profit." Angie Kingston and Judi are ready to start work on the cookbook. A copy of the "recipe collection sheet" is published in this issue of the newsletter on page 8.

It was regularly moved (Goff) and seconded (Alesky) that the applications for EMPA membership from Jordan Ayers, Doug and Mollie Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Joan and Tomi Lewis, Jim and Maddie Murray, Steven and Jodie Stanford, Zachary and Justin Stanford, Thomas and Tyler Cook, Raymond, Cheylyn, Davia and Jase Adams all be accepted. The motion carried.

The treasurer reported that as of March 9, 2005, the balance in the EMPA checking account was \$1,281.34.

The secretary reported that he would hand deliver the EMPA's full-page ad for the 2005 *APA Yearbook* to the new APA Secretary at the APA semiannual meeting at the Delmarva show, April 1-3. Six space ads make up the page: Tom and Carol Richardson, Tom Lipiec, Dick and Thola Waldau, Sartell family, Stiles Poultry, and S. Robert Powell.

The secretary also reported that he had received an announcement of an avian influenza meeting, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, on March 15, 2005 at 10 A.M. at the Poultry Barn at Hackettstown, NJ.

The secretary also reported that he had paid the Harford Fair (March 9, 2005, check #311) for the use of the Harford Fairgrounds on April 30 + rider on Fair insurance policy for the auction on April 30.

David Stiles reminded the group that set-up for the auction would take place on Friday, April 29th. Ron Stiles and Bill Goff said that they would be at the Fairgrounds at about noon on the 29th. He also announced that the next meeting of the EMPA would take place after the auction on April 30th.

With no additional business to conduct, at 1:30 P.M. it was regularly moved (John Beeman) and seconded (L. Stiles) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, Secretary

Specials for June EMPA Show

We are pleased to announce that we are receiving many very nice specials for the June 11 show. In addition to those listed in the February 28 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*, the following specials have been received:

Two specials from EMPA member Joe Karpov, Tunkhannock, PA:

\$20 for the best Colored Bird in the Show, in Memory of Albert Exley

\$40 (awarded as the club wishes) in Memory of Jim Decker.

There is still time to put up a special for the second annual EMPA show on June 11. Contact Judi Sartell or any officer of the EMPA.

2005 Harford Fair Book

The 2005 Harford Fair book will be published in memory of Anson W. Tiffany. EMPA member, S. Robert Powell, was asked by the Board of Directors of the Harford Fair to write the memorial text. Here is a copy of that text:

In Memoriam Anson W. Tiffany January 5, 1915--January 26, 2005

The Harford Fair was an important part of Anson Tiffany's life for more than 70 of his 90 years. As one of the superintendents of the Poultry Department, he did much in his lifetime to promote and guarantee the survival of the exhibition poultry hobby in Susquehanna County. Over the years, he raised and exhibited many varieties and breeds of poultry. In later years, he was known for and won blue ribbons at the Fair on his Mille Fleur Uccle Belgians and Silkies.

Anson loved working in the woods and for 35 years worked for the Jeffers Tree Farm. He was highly knowledgeable about all aspects of rural and country life and technology. He was a skilled woodworker and won his share of blue ribbons for his woodworking entries at the Fair, where he knew just about everyone and where everyone knew him.

He was an easy talker and a great conversationalist. He loved to talk about the Fair, the building of the Nicholson Bridge, the Harford Soldiers' Orphans' School, and working in the woods--among a great many other topics. He was always interesting to be with. He had an astonishing memory, with virtually perfect recall of his entire life.

For those of us who knew him and loved him and worked with him at the Harford Fair, it won't be quite the same at the Fair without him. A perpetual trophy has been established in the Poultry Department in his memory. The Anson W. Tiffany trophy will be awarded annually to the exhibitor of the Reserve Champion of the Poultry Show.

S. Robert Powell
Poultry Department

Youth Corner

Jessica Sartell's *Youth Corner* is published herein on page 7. Special thanks to Jessica for producing this regular feature of the *EMPA Newsletter*.

Baby Chick Classes at APA-Sanctioned Shows

There used to be classes for baby chicks at APA-sanctioned shows.

Reproduced herein on pages 4-6 are pages 68-73 from the 1953 edition of the American Poultry Association's *Standard of Perfection for Domesticated Land and Water Fowl*.

Given on these pages are the rules for judges for cutting for defects and disqualifications for baby chicks. Also given on these pages, most remarkably, are complete and detailed descriptions of the colors of all of the chicks in the American Class.

Also given in the 1953 APA Standard (pp. 73-75), but not reprinted here, are complete color descriptions of chicks in the English and Mediterranean classes.

Special thanks to EMPA member Tom Lipiec not only for bringing to our attention this remarkable feature of poultry shows of many years ago but also for allowing us to borrow his copy of the 1953 APA Standard.

Maybe we should have baby chick classes at EMPA shows?

BABY CHICK CLASSES

The magnitude of the Baby Chick Industry makes it important to designate accurate color descriptions of the different breeds and varieties.

Variations in color and markings are found not only in different breeds and varieties, but within the same breed or variety due to different ancestral blood lines, the following color descriptions will materially assist in identifying the various breeds and varieties of baby chicks.

These descriptions present in a general way the color characteristics of chicks of the Standard breeds and varieties. It should be understood that the specified variations are not indications of impurity.

RULES FOR CUTTING FOR DEFECTS

VIGOR:

Deduct from one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) to one (1) point for each chick not showing the maximum of alert, snappy, lively activity upon arrival at the show.

CONDITION:

Deduct from one (1) to two (2) points for each chick with any deformity, except those specified as disqualifications.

Deduct from two (2) to five (5) points for each chick with an imperfectly healed navel.

Deduct from two (2) to five (5) points for each chick with a pasty vent.

Deduct from one (1) to three (3) points for each chick showing signs of a sticky hatch.

TRUENESS TO VARIETY COLOR:

Deduct from one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each chick whose down color varies decidedly from the Standard color for the breed or variety.

Deduct from one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) to one (1) point for each chick with shank color differing from that required for the breed or variety.

UNIFORMITY OF COLOR:

Deduct one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) point for each chick whose down color or shank color differs from that of the majority of the entry.

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UNIFORMITY OF SIZE:

Deduct one (1) point for each chick that varies in size from the average of the entry.

WEIGHT:

The Standard weight for an entry of 25 chicks is two (2) pounds net.

Deduct one (1) point for each ounce below this weight.

DEAD CHICKS:

Deduct five points for each chick dead upon arrival at the show.

DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR BABY CHICKS

The following defects, because of their serious character, shall disqualify the entry:

- (1) Comb, foreign to the breed or variety.
- (2) Side sprig on single comb.
- (3) Deformed beak.
- (4) Deformed eye.
- (5) In all clean legged breeds or varieties, the presence of, or the unmistakable evidence of the removal of any down, stub, feather or part of feather, from shank, foot or toe.
- (6) Web foot or abnormal number of toes for breed or variety.

Standard Color For Baby Chicks

AMERICAN CLASS

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: Slaty black, most densely black on back, shading lighter on sides of body to white underneath, this color extending up on breast and part way up on front of neck. The wings sometimes show light spots at ends, and the top of the head sometimes a more or less distinct spot of creamy white.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow to dark slate. Bottoms of feet, yellow.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: Creamy white or white. Sometimes a few bluish gray.

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BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, sometimes shading to light gray.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: Buff, varying from rich or dark to a light shade of buff.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow.

SILVER PENCILED PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: Light gray, with a spot of rich chestnut on top of the head and a distinct, fairly broad strip of rich chestnut down the center of the back, with two narrow distinct stripes of a lighter color along the sides of back; the gray on the sides of the body and breast gradually shading lighter to near creamy white on the under-body.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

PARTRIDGE PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: Varying shades of brown; light chestnut with a distinct and fairly broad band of rich chestnut over the top of head, and down through center of back to tail, sides of back bordered with two narrow, distinct stripes of lighter color; a distinct, dark strip on each side of face running from beak to back of head in line with the eyes, thus dividing the face; sides of body light chestnut gradually shading to a creamy white on breast and under-body.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

COLUMBIAN PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: Some approaching creamy yellow, others bluish slate, the bluish slate color intensified on back; black spots on heads of some chicks.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

BLUE PLYMOUTH ROCK

GENERAL COLOR: An even medium shade of bluish slate, breast and underbody much lighter, approaching bluish white; tips of wings, light bluish slate, approaching gray.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Varying from yellow to slate.

*Note—White, black and speckled sports frequently come from blue matings.

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SILVER LACED WYANDOTTE

GENERAL COLOR: Dark slate or gray; back, dark slate with a distinct stripe of gray on each side; breast, light gray shading to creamy white, then to gray on the under-body, powdery gray shading to same shade as breast at ends; head, powdery gray, sprinkled with brown on top and showing patches of gray on face and sides of neck.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

GOLDEN LACED WYANDOTTE

GENERAL COLOR: Reddish-brown and gray; back, chestnut, or black shaded with dark chestnut; breast and body, dark gray shading lighter toward the rear; head, rich chestnut shading to mahogany on neck with a tendency to show ring of chestnut at base of neck.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

WHITE WYANDOTTE

GENERAL COLOR: Creamy white or varying shades of yellow; some chicks show a distinct collar of darker yellow at base of neck. Sometimes a few showing bluish gray color.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

BLACK WYANDOTTE

GENERAL COLOR: Dark slate or black; front of neck, ends of wings, and fluff, white. Some chicks have white ring around the eyes.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, more or less shaded with darker color; bottoms of feet, yellow.

BUFF WYANDOTTE

See color description of Buff Plymouth Rock chicks.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTE

See Color description of Partridge Plymouth Rock chicks.

SILVER PENCILED WYANDOTTE

See color description of Silver Penciled Plymouth Rock chicks.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTE

See color description of Columbian Plymouth Rock chicks.

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BLACK JAVA

See color description of Black Wyandotte chicks.

DOMINIQUE

GENERAL COLOR: Slaty black, most densely black on back, shading lighter on sides of body to creamy white underneath, which color extends up on breast and part way up on front of neck; wings of some chicks show light spots at ends; top of head more or less distinctly spotted with creamy white.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow to dark slate; bottoms of feet, yellow.

RHODE ISLAND RED

GENERAL COLOR: Red, richest on back, the richer and more uniform the color, the better.

BEAK, SILANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

RHODE ISLAND WHITE

GENERAL COLOR: Creamy white or yellow of varying shades.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

CHANTECLER

GENERAL COLOR: Creamy white or yellow of varying shades.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

JERSEY BLACK GIANT

See color description of Black Wyandotte chicks.

JERSEY WHITE GIANT

GENERAL COLOR: Varying shades of bluish gray.

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow, more or less shaded with darker color, bottoms of feet, yellow.

LAMONAS

GENERAL COLOR: Creamy white or yellow of varying shades. (See Chantecler)

BEAK, SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL COLOR: Varying from yellow-orange to medium red (or reddish buff).

BEAK SHANKS AND TOES: Yellow.

BUCKEYES

GENERAL COLOR: Rich red. Sometimes showing black spots on head and stripe down back.

BEAK, SILANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

WHITE HOLLANDS

See Color Description of White Plymouth Rocks.

BARRED HOLLANDS

See Color Description of Dominiques.

DELAWARES

GENERAL COLOR: Varying from creamy white to bluish slate.

BEAK, SILANKS AND TOES: Yellow, but shades may vary.

Defective Feather Markings

Shown below are two kinds of defective feather markings. These two figures are reprinted here from page 60 of the 1953 edition of the APA's *Standard of Perfection for Domesticated Land and Water Fowl*.

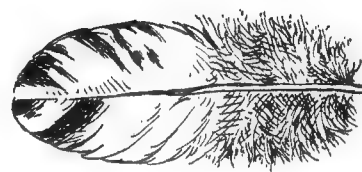


Figure 47

Splashed Feather.
(A Defect.)
Occurs in
Shagpated and
Mottled Varieties.

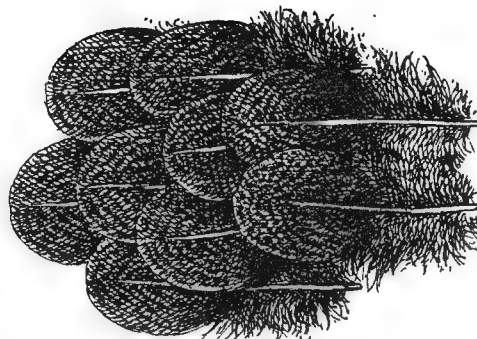


Figure 48

One Form of Shafting.
(A Defect.)
Occurs in Stippled Varieties.

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June 20, 2005

Next EMPA Meeting

The EMPA will next meet on Saturday, July 16, beginning at noon, at the Endless Mountains Restaurant, Clifford, PA. Thank you, Lynn Stiles, for making these meeting room arrangements for the monthly meetings of the EMPA.

Second Annual EMPA Show June 11, 2005, Harford, PA

Thirty six exhibitors, 17 of whom were juniors, showed their birds at the June 11, 2005 EMPA show: Ben Bensinger, Bill Bacon, Jr., Jessica Sartell, Jennifer Sartell, Makayla Kingston, Nolan Reddon, Bob Simons, S. Robert Powell, Sugar Hill Poultry, Vanessa and Jackie Koedatich, Ken Merrill, Merl Rynearson.

Also: Bethany Page, William Whitney, Larry Clionsky, Thomas Hertz, Tomi Lewis, Chuck Campfield, Rick Porr, Zack Stamford, Derek Hammon, Sean McKee, Katie Warner, Justin Stanford, McKee's Fowl Farm.

Also: William Goff, Jr., Bonnie Johnson, Johanna Kiska, Jack Kiska, Harold Alesky, Felicia Rapach, Andrew Rapach, Mikey Rapach, Steven Longazel, Cassandra Longazel, and Jordan Ayers.

A Note from the Show Secretary, Judi Sartell

I would like to thank those who helped set up for the show: Mollie and Bonnie Johnson, Bill Goff, Paul Kroll, Ron Stiles, Gwen and Jordan Ayers, and Jessica Sartell. Without your devoted help we

would not have been able to make this year's show a success.

Special thanks to Bethany Page for her beautiful work on the show awards--and for putting up with me. "Bethany, you have made me proud."

Special thanks to Bob and Bill Whitney for coming down from Bath, NY to give me a helping hand where needed.

Thanks to Lynn Stiles for her hard work in organizing the food and to all who helped out or donated food items to the food booth. These include: Merl and Bess Rynearson, \$25 donation to the food stand; Harold Alesky, goulash; Beverly Romig, wimpies; Chuck Campfield; John Beeman, Carol Richardson, and Michelle Stiles, along with Bess and Beverly, helped run the stand; Miriam Page, baked goods; Bill Goff, macaroni salad; Ron Stiles, chicken stew. "Thanks Ron for making sure I had a bowl of your home made Chicken Soup. Really hit the spot." The food stand realized a profit of \$176.44.

To Kathie Lavell for doing a great job in making the award hall look its best. Kathy also donated the punch, which was served at the awards ceremony and which was gratefully received by all concerned on such a hot and humid day.

And to those who stayed after the show, on a very muggy day, to clean up and to those who were not able to help but were there in spirit.

Special thanks to our wonderful judges, some of whom traveled great distances to judge our birds. "Thank you Paul Kroll and Jim Sallee. Thank you

Rev. Romig for judging the turkeys and waterfowl; Dave Stiles for judging the pigeons; Paul Kroll for the wonderful job on the showmanship clinic, the kids really liked it; Robert Powell for judging the junior showmanship."

I hope we will be able to have in the future many successful shows like our first two. We need to work hard in this club with good communication to keep this club going. The Endless Mountains Poultry Association hopefully will be a back bone for our children. I am hoping that my two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, will be my age some day in this club. We had 17 youth exhibitors in this year's show. In showmanship there were over 10. That shows that the youth are interested. So let's work together to make sure that the Endless Mountains Poultry Association survives for many years to come.

If I forgot to mention someone in this list of thank you's, please forgive me, for my brain was fried.

Judi Sartell

Thank You, Bill Goff

By Ron Stiles

Bill Goff went the extra mile—and then some—on behalf of the EMPA on the Friday before the June 11, 2005 show. He moved the shavings from in front of the poultry building, cut the grass from the poultry building down to the waterfowl building, got the water turned on (which was no easy task), removed garbage after the show. He may have done more that I missed.

He was like a cyclone. And so when I won the incubator in the drawing, I decided to give it to Bill as a thank you for his hard work in setting up for the show. He sometimes has trouble hatching eggs in the incubator he has now. Maybe he will be more successful with the new incubator. I hatch enough eggs to make me happy with what I have, so I don't need the new incubator as much as Bill does.

Note from the EMPA: Thank you Bill and Ron for doing all that you do for the club. Your hard work and generosity are much appreciated by all of us. We wouldn't be in the solid position as a club that

we're now in if it weren't for guys like the two of you. Sincere thanks from the entire membership.

Egg Contest

An entry in this class consisted of six eggs. There were four and one-half dozen large fowl eggs in the contest and a dozen and half bantam eggs. The contest was judged by the Reverend Roland Romig.

Larry Clionsky won first place with Ameraucana eggs, which were displayed in a wicker basket. Jessica Sartell won second, also with Ameraucana eggs. Jessica also won first place in the bantam division.

EMPA Open Show

June 11, 2005

Best of Show, Australorp cock, Bill Whitney
Reserve of Show, Pearl Guinea old hen, S. Robert Powell

Youth Best of Show, Bearded White Silkie, Jessica Sartell

Youth Reserve of Show, Black Sumatra cock, Jessica Sartell

Open Show Champions

Large Fowl, Australorp cock, Bill Whitney
Reserve Large Fowl, Black Minorca cockerel, Ken Merrill

Bantam, Buff Brahma, Jackie Koeditich
Reserve Bantam, W.C. Black Polish

cockerel, Rick Porr
Waterfowl, Grey Call duck, Merl Rynearson
Reserve Waterfowl, White Tufted Roman goose, Bill Bacon Jr.

Turkey, Royal Palm hen, Beth Page
Reserve Turkey, Sweetgrass hen, Jennifer Sartell
Guinea fowl, Pearl old hen, S. Robert Powell
Reserve Guinea Fowl, Pearl old hen, S. Robert Powell

Youth Show Champions

Large Fowl, Buttercup hen, Bonnie Johnson
Reserve Large Fowl, W. F. Black Spanish hen Jessica Sartell

Bantam, Bearded White Silkie cock, Jessica Sartell
Reserve Bantam, Black Sumatra cock, Jessica Sartell

Turkey, Royal Palm hen, Bethany Page
Reserve Turkey, Royal Palm tom, Bethany Page
Guinea Fowl, Pearl old hen, Sean McKee

Reserve Guinea Fowl, Pearl old cock, Sean McKee

Open Show, Class Champions

American, Jersey Giant, hen, William Goff

Reserve American, S. C. Rhode Island Red cock,
William Whitney

English, Australorp cock, Bill Whitney

Reserve English, Australorp cockerel, Ken Merrill

Continental, W. C. Black Polish, Rick Porr

Mediterranean, S. C. Black Minorca cockerel, Ken
Merrill

Reserve Mediterranean, S. C. Leghorn hen, Chuck
Campfield

Asiatic, Black Langshan hen, Ken Merrill

Reserve Asiatic, Black Langshan cockerel, Ken
Merrill

AOSB, Black Sumatra cock, Ken Merrill

Reserve AOSB, Black Ameraucana cock, Larry
Clinosky

Old English Game, Blue cockerel, Ben Bensinger

Reserve Old English game, Black pullet, Ben
Bensinger

SCCL, New Hampshire cockerel, Jackie Koedatich

Reserve SCCL, Partridge Plymouth Rock cockerel,
Chuck Campfield

RCCL, Silver-Laced Wyandotte hen, Jackie
Koeditich

Reserve RCCL, Quail Antwerp Belgian hen,
Jessica Sartell

Featherlegged, Buff Brahma cockerel, Jackie
Koedatich

Reserve Featherlegged, Bearded White Silkie,
Jessica Sartell

AOCCL, White Crested Black Polish, Rick Porr

Reserve AOCCL, Black Sumatra pullet,
Bill Bacon Jr.

Duck, Grey Call young duck, Merl Rynearson

Reserve Duck, Buff young drake, Ken Merrill

Goose, Tufted Roman young goose, Bill Bacon Jr.

Reserve Goose, Tufted Roman young gander,
Bill Bacon Jr.

Youth Class Champions

American, Silver-Laced Wyandotte hen, Jordan
Ayers

Reserve American, Silver-Laced Wyandotte pullet,
Sean McKee

English, Australorp hen, Tomi Lewis

Reserve English, Buff Orpington hen, Jordan
Ayers

Mediterranean, Sicilian Buttercup, Bonnie Johnson

Reserve Mediterranean, White-Faced Black
Spanish hen, Jessica Sartell

AOSB, Black Ameraucana cock, Jessica Sartell

Old English Game, Red Pyle hen, Johanna Kiska

Reserve Old English Game, B. B. Red hen, Nolan
Reddan

Modern Game, Fawn Silver Duckwing hen, Derek
Hammond

Reserve Modern Game, Fawn Silver Duckwing hen,
Sean McKee

SCCL, Columbian Plymouth Rock hen, Johanna
Kiska

RCCL, Quail Antwerp Belgian hen, Jessica Sartell

Reserve RCCL, Silver-Laced Wyandotte, Makayla
Kingston

Featherlegged, Bearded White Silkie cock, Jessica
Sartell

Reserve Featherlegged, Bearded White Silkie hen,
Jessica Sartell

AOCCL, Black Sumatra cock, Jessica Sartell

Reserve AOCCL, Black Sumatra hen, Jessica
Sartell

"Specials" and Other

Male Derby, Black Langshan cockerels, Ken
Merrill

Female Derby, White-Faced Black Spanish hens,
Jessica Sartell

President's Choice: Ken Merrill's Black Langshan
cock

Winner of Brinesa Incubator: Ron Stiles

Showmanship

Age 11 and Under

1st, Tomi Lewis

2nd, Justin Stamford

3rd, Makayla Kingston

Ages 12-14

1st, Bonnie Johnson

2nd, Sean McKee

3rd, Jordan Ayers

Ages 15-18

1st, Jessica Sartell

2nd, Bethany Page

3rd, Derek Hammond

Coloring Contest

Age 9 and Under

1st, Tomi Lewis

2nd, Katie Warner

10 and Over

1st, Nick Lloyd

2nd, Dan Johnson

From an Internet Message Board about the EMPA show

Posted by Sean McKee's Mom, Rita,
on June 11, 2005

WOW!! Yep we had another great show!!

And it was nice to see some Ameraucana Breeders there!! Congratulations to Larry Clionsky on winning Reserve AOSB with his Black Cock, He was beat by a Black Sumatra.

I think I counted 10 Ameraucana Large Fowl birds, And there were 3 or 4 exhibitors: Larry Clionsky, Jack Kiska, Johanna Kiska, and Jennifer Sartell.

There were 5 entries in the egg contest (because somebody, who shall remain nameless, walked off and left her eggs in the frig!), two of them were of Ameraucana eggs.

Larry Clionsky took first place and best eggs, with his eggs, Jennifer Sartell took 2nd with hers.

Now I have to say, I was totally impressed by last years "Awards" and boasted that no other show I have ever seen can even come close to comparing with the EMPA awards.

BUT, Don't ask how!! They just did it anyways!! They surpassed last year's, and made this year's even better!!

A teenager. Yes, you hear me right, a teenager made most of the awards!! Bethany Page!! A very talented young lady.

She hand painted Plaques, Pitchers, Glasses, and Plates. And all I can say is WOW! What nice awards!! Anyone would just die for one!!

I was feeling bad that we didn't have anything of any great quality to show this year, but we had so

much fun last year, we still wanted to participate, so we still entered a few birds.

Well, Sean's Guineas didn't manage to win him a hand painted Plaque, and Derek won a Hand Painted Glass, and Sean a Hand Painted Plate with their Modern Game Bantams, so we did manage to bring home a few "examples" of such fine art work.

All I can say for the Folks at the Endless Mountains Poultry Association is this:

Congratulations for a Job Not only Well Done, but Done Well!!

You have all worked hard, and I can still say, it has been a great experience!!! Keep up the good work!!

Pigeon Show

A pigeon show was held in conjunction with the EMPA poultry show. The pigeon exhibitors were Felicia Rapach, Andrew Rapach, Mikey Rapach, Steven Longazel, Cassandra Longazel, Jessica Sartell, and S. Robert Powell. The show was judged by David Stiles, with Tom Richardson as pigeon show clerk. Congratulations and thanks to David and Tom for a job well done.

The Champion Pigeon was a Lahore that was shown by Jessica Sartell. The Reserve Champion Pigeon was a Racing Homer that was shown by Felicia Rapach.

Food Stand at the Show

From Lynn Stiles: "Sincere thanks to all who helped in the food stand in any way (donations, time, labor) during the show."

Minutes of the April 30, 2005 EMPA Meeting

Following the auction on April 30, a brief meeting of the club took place in the Sheep Building on the Harford Fairgrounds.

David Stiles thanked all those who helped in any way with the auction and noted that the preliminary report on the finances of the auction is this: \$280 profit from the food stand; \$674 from the auction itself. David also noted that if several consignors from out of state had not been turned away from the auction by inspectors from the

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that the club would have realized more profit from the auction.

Financial Notes on Auction: ads in March 2005 and April 2005 *Poultry Press* announcing auction (\$64 for both). Use of grounds + insurance for auction, \$175. Profit reported at end of auction (\$674), minus checks to be mailed by SRP to Ed Gill (\$47.40), John Devine (\$24), John Hayes (\$211.60), S. R. Powell (\$72), and Bill Post (\$153.20). SRP letter to Stan Foster on 05-25-05 telling him that by mistake he was overpaid \$141.60 for auction sales; reimbursement check for \$141.60 received from Stan Foster on June 14. Check to Ron Stiles on 06-22-05 for \$22.40 to correct math error on auction papers. Check for \$20 to Fay Forward on 06-22-05 to reimburse him for gas expenses to travel to EMPA auction (from which he, as an out-of-state vendor, was turned away by PA vets. Auction food stand: profit \$281.61 (this is after expenses, which were \$20 auction supplies, \$25 auctioneer, \$80 food items). Included in this \$281.61 is \$64.15 that was made from the sale of donated desserts; also \$25 donation from Merl and Bess Rynearson. EMPA deposit after auction: \$1,985.70 (\$417 of this is the "starter" cash for the auction sales box; included were memberships from Passmore, \$20; Smith, \$10; MacDonald, \$10; Chipelo, \$10; Scott, \$10; Merrill, \$10; Minnich, \$10; Whiteman, \$20; Westwind Stable, \$20)

Judy Sartell reported that the awards are all finished for the June 11 EMPA show and said that we now have \$225 in specials for the show; also that \$224 in raffle tickets have been sold to date on the incubator that will be chanced off at the show.

Robert reported that two membership renewals were received at the auction: Jerry Scott and Ken Merrill.

The next meeting of the EMPA will be on May 21 at noon at the Endless Mountains Restaurant, Clifford, PA. David Stiles will mail out post card announcements to the membership about the meeting.

S. Robert Powell
Secretary

Minutes of May 21, 2005

EMPA Meeting

The May 21, 2005 meeting of the EMPA took place at the Endless Mountains Restaurant,

Clifford, PA, beginning at noon. Present were Dave Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Bess Rynearson, Harold Alesky, Tom Lipiec, John L. Beeman, Bill Goff, Jessica Sartell, Judith Sartell, Merl Rynearson, Steve Stanford, Ron Stiles, Robert Simons, Bethany Page, Kathie Lavell, and S. Robert Powell.

Judy Sartell and David Stiles reported that 92 copies of the show catalogue for the June 11 EMPA show had been printed and mailed out. The printing of the show catalogue was donated to the club by a philanthropic community organization. The entry deadline is June 4.

Judy noted that we need donated materials for the Chinese Auction; also that we now have \$245 in "specials" for the show and that \$282 in raffle tickets on the incubator have been sold.

David said that set up for the show would be on Friday before the show, beginning after 3 P.M.; tear-down on Sunday after the show. The EMPA will spend \$500 for the two judges for the show, this includes judging fee and motel room. Rev. Romig will underwrite the cost of Jim Sallee's airfare.

Rev. Romig will judge the turkeys in the EMPA show; he will also judge the egg contest. S. Robert Powell will judge the junior showmanship.

Lynn Stiles said that because of a commitment at school that she would not be able to pick up on Friday night the hot dog rolls and donuts for the show. Kathie Lavell said that she would do so. Each exhibitor will be given a free cup of coffee and a donut on the day of the show.

Donations of food items are needed for the food stand. Harold Alesky said that he would bring a crock pot of goulash for the food stand. Bill Goff said that he would make a pot of soup if he had time.

Kathie Lavell will be in charge of the awards set up and the activities in the dining hall during the show. There will be a checkerboard set up in the dining hall and a horseshoe toss outside the dining hall. There will be a coloring contest for the kids.

Beth Page showed the group some of the awards (hand painted plates and mugs) that she has created for the show. The awards were very well received and Beth was congratulated for his fine work for the show.

Tom Lipiec, who has recently purchased some scales to weigh birds, said that he would take charge of a competition in which participants guessed the weight of various show birds.

Judy noted that the youth class champions will be awarded certificates.

Judy said that the deadline for receiving recipes for the cookbook that the EMPA is preparing is the end of October.

Robert noted that there are some un-resolved financial questions regarding the April 30 EMPA auction. It was noted that the birds sold at the auction in Lot #1 were birds that were donated to the club by Bob Simons, Mark Burns, and Tom Richardson.

The Secretary reported that 85 copies of the April 27, 2005 EMPA Newsletter were mailed on April 27 and asked if there was a need for a club newsletter before the June 11 show and it was noted from the floor that since just about everything was all set for the show that there was not a real need for one.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

S. Robert Powell
Secretary

June 11 EMPA meeting (after the show)

Club members convened in front of the Cecil E. Rose Poultry Building for a brief meeting following the June 11, 2005 show.

Judi Sartell reported that there were 280 birds in the show, including the pigeons.

It was reported that the "wool club" has rented the entire Harford Fairgrounds on September 24, 2005, the proposed date of the EMPA fall auction. Can the EMPA hold an auction on the Harford Fairgrounds at the same time? The problem is that the wool club charges a \$10 admission to the Fairgrounds. There is a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Harford Fair on Monday June 20, 2005. Robert Powell will bring up the question at that meeting. September 24th is good for the EMPA because that date is available for Rev. Romig to conduct the auction. If we have to move the auction to another date, we will have to get another auctioneer. Perhaps Bob Whitney can be hired by the EMPA to conduct the auction? The EMPA will contact Bob Whitney to see if he is available and to find out what he would charge to do the auction.

Preliminary financial report on the show: profit from show (before expenses), \$919; profit

from food stand (after expenses), \$174.44. At January 8 meeting Bill Goff donated \$20 towards show expenses. Cost of incubator, \$212 + coupon; \$332 in tickets sold before show, \$157 at show, with a profit of \$277 on incubator raffle. Entry fees for birds in show + charges for outside sales at show, \$518. Chinese Auction sales tickets: \$184.50. Glezens in Hallstead donated feed. The club made \$40 on the 50/50 and \$20 of that David Stiles donated back to the club. Expense for judges: \$500 for Jim Sallee and Paul Kroll, with Rev. Romig underwriting the cost of Jim Sallee's travel expenses. Use of fairgrounds + liability insurance, \$175. Show awards: Norogala show ribbons, \$193.95 paid on 05/18; \$101.50 to Herco Enterprises, Inc. for Best of Show and Showmanship awards on 12/22/04; \$100 to Beth Page on 09/13/04 and \$100 on 05-21-05 for materials for show awards; \$29.68 on 06-22-05 to Wisnosky Jewelers, Tunkhannock, PA for metal labels on Best of Show awards.

For the betterment of the club and to increase the effectiveness of club communications, club members present decided that a questionnaire should be drafted and sent to all members of the club; a post card questionnaire was suggested. The secretary said that the questionnaire could be included with the June *EMPA Newsletter*. Among the questions to be asked are: Would you like to be notified of EMPA meetings via e-mail? Would you like to receive the *EMPA Newsletter* via e-mail? If so, what is your e-mail address?

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on Saturday, July 16, at noon at the Endless Mountains Restaurant in Clifford. Lynn Stiles said that she would contact the restaurant and reserve the meeting room. The EMPA will blood test birds for 4-H and other exhibitors on Sunday, July 17. David Stiles and Chuck Campfield will do the testing. Bob Simons will contact Chuck and find out if he can test on July 17.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (Simons) and seconded (L. Stiles) that the meeting be adjourned at 4:28 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Robert Powell
Secretary

EMPA Memberships

Renewals have been received from: (1) Minnich's Coop, Elton and Jean Minnich; (2) Dan and Linda Whiteman (2 years), New Kensington, PA; (3) Fernando Chipelo, New Milford, PA; (3) Dymond S. Ranch, Thompson, PA (for 2006); and Glenn Kugler, Whitehouse, NJ.

New Memberships: (1) **Connie Zebrowski Chisek**, RR2, Box 26B, Thompson, PA 18465. 570-727-2543, 570-727-2585. conzeb@nep.net; (2) **Connie Heim and Howard Smith**, RD 3, Box 171 A, Susquehanna, PA 18847. 570-727-2188. somhap@nep.net; (3) **Morgan T. MacDonald**, RR1, Box 1092, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. 570-289-4677.

Turkey Calling Contest

The second annual turkey calling contest at the Harford Fair will take place on Saturday, August 27, from noon to 2 P.M. in the Shade Pavilion (at the top of the hill, just across from Floral Hall) on the Harford Fairgrounds.

This is prime time, in a prime location! This is the kind of event that makes the Harford Fair so special.

The contest will be run by Quaker Boy - Pro Staffer Jim Gilbert (607-775-4349, bigbass@yahoo.com). There is no entry fee. Registration is from 11:30 A.M. to noon. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places. There will be a display/set-up in the Poultry Building from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. There will be three divisions: senior, ages 13-16, and age 12 and under.

The four calls to be performed: yelp of a hen, assembly of a hen, cutting of a hen, and caller's best call.

Embroidered Shirts and Jackets

Surely you've noticed the beautiful EMPA embroidered shirts and jackets that many EMPA members are wearing these days. They have been produced for the club by Bird Dawg Embroidery, Fred and Sharon Grasso, RR 1, Box 66A-1,

Grinnell Road, New Milford, PA 18834. 570-434-2485 www.birddawg.net fsgrasso@nep.net

To find out how to place an order, contact Lynn Stiles at lstiles@nep.net

Member Profiles

by Ron Stiles

In the January 31, 2005 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*, we requested that members tell us about themselves and their involvement in the world of poultry. It is not only important for us to get to know each other in this respect, but also to set an historical record for our Association. We want information about young and old alike. Please send in your profile today.

In this the February 2005 issue, we featured two Member Profiles: Thomas Richardson (page 5) and Curtis Oakes (pages 5-6).

Beautiful Show Awards

Among the beautiful awards that were assembled by EMPA show secretary, Judi Sartell, and which were presented at the June 11, 2005 EMPA show were awards that were created by club members Beth Page and Rick Porr.

Beth created a wide range of hand-painted glassware and plaques which were awarded to class champions and show winners. In the show hall at noon on the day of the show, Beth did a painting demonstration, which was well attended and much appreciated by all.

Using beautiful hardwoods, Rick created six clocks, which were awarded to the exhibitors who showed Champion and Reserve Champion Large Fowl, Champion and Reserve Champion Bantam, Champion Waterfowl, and Youth Best of Show.

Sincere thanks to Beth and Rick for these awards, which will be treasured for years to come by those who were lucky enough to win them.

Thank You, Judi

Sincere thanks to Judi Sartell for serving as EMPA show secretary (which is a lifetime appointment).

Were it not for Judi Sartell, the EMPA Summershows of 2004 and 2005 would not have taken place and would not have been the solid

successes that they were. Thank you, Judi, from all of us, and especially from the youth exhibitors, for all that you do for the EMPA.

Interesting Show

By S. R. Powell

This year's EMPA Summershow took place on one of the hottest and most humid days of the summer (to date). Last year's EMPA Summershow took place on one of the most beautiful summer days imaginable. So it's the luck of the draw. You can't win 'em all, especially when it comes to predicting the weather.

In any event, this year's EMPA show was very interesting, even though it was a smaller show than last year's. Oppressive health regulations, especially on out-of-state exhibitors make it very difficult to show poultry in Pennsylvania at the present time.

There were many rare and beautiful birds in the show: Sweetgrass turkeys, Exchequer Leghorns, three or four varieties of standard Old English Games, Buff Catalanas, standard Red Pyle Malays, a large and very impressive class of Quail Antwerp Belgians and Ameraucanas, among others. And there was a pigeon show, judged by David Stiles, in which there was a large class of Racing Homers; also Thai Laughers, Lahores, and others.

It was, I'm sure, a very interesting show for Paul Kroll, Jim Saltee, and the Rev. Roland Romig to judge—and they all did a great job. They took their time, they talked with exhibitors when the judging was completed. And best of all, it was apparent to all that they were having a good time and that they were pleased to be judging at Harford.

One of the highlights of the day was the showmanship clinic that Paul Kroll did for the junior exhibitors at 11 A.M. by the flower garden along side of the poultry building. Another highlight of the day was the beautiful awards ceremony in the dining hall, under the direction of Judi Sartell and David Stiles, with much appreciated refreshments provided by Kathy Lavell.

The Incubator Raffle

At the June 11, 2005 EMPA Summershow, the club chanced off an Octagon 20 Digital Incubator, with cradle.

With a discount coupon, the club purchased the incubator from Brinsea Products, Inc. (704 North Dixie Avenue, Titusville, FL 32796-2017) for \$211.99 on 12-22-04. Club members sold \$489 worth of chances on the incubator. The club realized a profit, therefore, of \$277 on the incubator raffle.

Thanks to all club members who sold raffle tickets and thanks to all who purchased them. And congratulations to Ron Stiles, who purchased the winning ticket.

Specials for EMPA Show

"Specials" are a very important part of any poultry show. Thank you to the following folks for sponsoring specials at the June 11, 2005 EMPA show: Stiles Family, David Stiles, Paul Kroll, Lavell Family, Westwind Stables, Rick Porr, Joe Karpov, Sartell Family, Ben Bensinger, and S. Robert Powell.

Avian Influenza in Sullivan, NY

From Tom Lipiec we have learned that in mid-June an outbreak of low pathogenic bird flu (H7N2) has been discovered in a duck flock in Sullivan, NY. Because of this outbreak, South Korea halted, on June 14, the import of poultry products from the state of New York. If you have access to the Internet and you have the time, you can read a lot on the Internet about this outbreak.

Questionnaire Enclosed

A questionnaire about the EMPA and its activities is enclosed. Your input is valuable. Use the enclosed envelope when you mail back your completed questionnaire. All questionnaires will remain unopened and will be turned over to the EMPA executive committee at the July 16, 2005 meeting the club.

EMPA Cook Book

by Judi Sartell

We are still asking for recipes for "The Endless Mountains Poultry Association Cookbook."

Anyone interested in having a recipe put in the cookbook, please send it to Judith Sartell, Box 121Z, Thompson, PA 18465. When doing the recipe please include any family history, as that will be published. A recipe will be greatly appreciated.

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August 16, 2005

Next EMPA Meeting

The next meeting of the Endless Mountains Poultry Association will take place on Monday, August 22, 2005, at 6 P.M. at the Poultry Building on the Harford Fairgrounds.

Enjoyed the Show

Felicia Rapach and family sent the following thank you note on July 11 about the EMPA June 11, 2005 show to EMPA Show Secretary, Judi Sartell:

Dear Judi.

I'm sorry I didn't get back to you sooner, but things have just been very busy with me getting ready to leave for college on Sunday. Anyway my family and I enjoyed the show, the kids had fun, and we all enjoyed the nice people. Also the beautiful poultry exhibits and the wonderful paintings of them.

Thank you for inviting us out. Please keep in touch with the new show dates and anything else that may be happening.

Thanks again,

Felicia Rapach and family

How to Make a Quill Pen

To Prepare Quills for Writing.--Cut thin, broad layers of cork wide enough to float the quills without their tipping over. Bore holes through these the right size to thrust the nibs through them so that they will be immersed when the corks float upon the water. Place the

corks containing the quills in a deep kettle or other receptacle so that the cover can be put on without interfering with the quills, and so that the nibs will be immersed in water. Boil them three hours, remove the pith, polish with flannel, and dry in a warm oven. This method hardens the quills like bone without making them brittle, and also renders them transparent.

Household Discoveries: An Encyclopaedia of Practical Recipes and Processes by Sidney Morse (The Success Company, New York, 1908), p. 180.

Surveys Received

The response was good to the survey forms that were included in the June 20, 2005 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*.

The survey forms have all been turned over to the club's youth directors, Jessica Sartell and Beth Page, and they will present a report on the findings of the survey at an upcoming meeting of the EMPA.

Member Profile

We are pleased to publish in this issue of the *EMPA Newsletter* on page 7 a member profile of Elton W. Minnich.

Thanks to Ron Stiles for preparing this profile for publication here.

Minutes of the July 16, 2005 EMPA Meeting

Fifteen members of the EMPA met at noon on July 16, 2006 at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, PA: Dave Stiles, Ron Stiles, Bill Goff, Merl Rynearson, John L. Beeman, Jessica Sartell, Judith Sartell, Harold Alesky, Robert Powell, Ed Page, Miriam Page, Bethany Page, Lynn Stiles, Bess Rynearson, and Bob Simons.

The meeting was called to order at noon by Dave Stiles, who reported that blood testing is now in progress for the summer fairs and the fall show season. Dave reported that testing to show at the Harford Fair will take place at 10 A.M. on July 17th on the Harford Fairgrounds: "To show 30 or more birds, you must test at least 30 birds. If you're showing less than 30 birds, than you must test the birds you plan to show."

David noted that the EMPA is mentioned in the APA District 2 Director's column in Winter 2004 and Spring 2005 issue of the APA's quarterly publication, *News and Views*.

For the benefit of those EMPA members who are not members of the APA, that District 2 column is reprinted herein on pages 3-6.

David also encouraged all members who are not now members of the APA and/or the ABA to become members. Dave: "Membership numbers are important, especially at the present time when we are asking for the support our federal and state legislators as we defend our right to raise and show birds."

It was regularly moved (Alesky) and seconded (Judi Sartell) to accept into membership in the EMPA the candidates listed in the June 20, 2005 issue of the *EMPA Newsletter*. The motion carried.

After much discussion of the question of the date for the Fall 2005 EMPA auction, it was regularly moved (Simons) and seconded (Judi Sartell) that the EMPA Fall auction take place on Saturday, October 1. The motion carried.

The Secretary reported that there are several persons who were members of the EMPA in 2004 who have not yet renewed their memberships for 2005. It was regularly moved (Goff) and seconded (Rynearson) that those persons be dropped immediately from the membership rolls and the mailing list. The motion carried.

A general discussion of possible judges for the 2005 EMPA show took place. Rick Porr has already been signed up to judge that show. It was regularly moved (Judi Sartell) and seconded (Ron Stiles) that Jamie Matts be asked to serve as a judge at the EMPA 2005 show. The motion carried.

The secretary reported that the Harford Agricultural Society Poultry Show (i.e., the Harford Fair Poultry Show) is now an Associate Member of the American Poultry Association. That means that this year's poultry show at the Harford Fair will be a sanctioned show (a "club" meet) by the APA. The winners of the various class championships will, therefore, be awarded Master Exhibitor points by the APA (provided there are adequate numbers of birds shown in the various classes and the owners of those birds are members of the APA). The owners of the show champions will also be awarded APA Master Exhibitor points (provided that they are members of the APA).

A general discussion about the date of next year's EMPA show (summer? fall? spring?) took place. The

question will again be brought forth for discussion at the August 2005 meeting of the EMPA.

With no additional business to discuss, it was regularly moved (Jessica Sartell) and seconded (Goff) that the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, Secretary

Congratulations Tomi Lewis

EMPA member Tomi Lewis participated in this year's 4-H Fashion Revue (see story and photo on page 3 of the July 2005 Susquehanna County *Extension Newslines*).

Tomi was one of the 55 members of 4-H who presented their outfits and non-wearables at this year's Fashion Revue. Thirty eight of the participants were from Susquehanna County.

Congratulations Tomi!

APA News and Views

News and Views is the quarterly newsletter of the APA. All of the District Directors are invited to submit a column of news and information for each issue of the quarterly.

Given below is the District 2 column (S. Robert Powell, District 2 Director) that was published on pages 7-10 of the Winter 2004/Spring 2005 issue of *News and Views*:

District 2 (DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA)

S. Robert Powell

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APA ANNUAL MEET A SUCCESS. Congratulations to the six New York state poultry clubs that hosted the 2004 APA annual meet, October 23-24, at the Yankee Fall Classic, at Syracuse: Finger

Lakes Feather Club, Eastern New York Poultry Fanciers Association, Twin Tier Poultry Club, Northern New York Poultry Club, Buffalo and Western New York Poultry Club, and Rochester Poultry Fanciers Association.

The 271 exhibitors in the open show placed before the judges 1,872 bantam chickens, 875 standard chickens, and 570 waterfowl. Champion Bantam and Grand Champion of the Show was a Brown Red Modern Game pullet shown by Cheryl Barnaba (North Branford, CT); Champion Standard Chicken was a Single Comb Light Brown Leghorn pullet shown by Don and Miki Schrider (Silver City, NC); Champion Waterfowl was a Black East India Young Drake shown by White Feather Farm, Chris LaGerould (Lake Orion, MI).

There were 350 birds in the youth show and Jessica Sartell (Thompson, PA) had both Champion Bantam and Champion Standard on a Quail Antwerp Belgian pullet and a Black Ameraucana cockerel, respectively. The Champion Waterfowl was a White Call young drake shown by Scott Page (Rochester, NY).

At the APA annual meeting on Saturday night, honor/lifetime achievement awards were presented by the APA to Bob and the late Lorna Rhodes (Mendon, MA), C. William Ryan (Mayfield, NY), Fred R. Herrick (Hamilton, NY), and Jerry Sliker (Layton, NJ).

Sincere thanks to all who showed birds and/or helped out in any way to make the event the great success that it was. It was a wonderful event for District 2.

Just for the record, annual meetings and conventions of the APA also took place in District 2 in the following years: 1907, Auburn, NY; 1908, Niagara Falls, NY; 1909, Niagara Falls, NY; 1913, Atlantic City, NJ; 1923, Philadelphia, PA; 1937, New York, NY; 1942, Pittsburgh, PA; 1949, Honesdale, PA; 1956, Buffalo, NY; 1961, York, PA; 1977, York, PA; and 1986, York, PA.

APA ARTIST COMPETITION. Forty artists entered more than 50 works of art in the competition, which was judged by Mary Learn (Bath, NY), Carol Rebhahn (Syracuse, NY), and Norma Padgett

(Lake Butler, FL). Sincere thanks to the artists and judges for their fine work and to John Rebhahn (Syracuse, NY) for assisting the art committee (Fred Zillich and S. R. Powell) in the management and display of the works of art in the Pepsi International Pavilion throughout the show.

Division I (under age 13) winners were Elizabeth Spoth (Clarence Center, NY), Mary Hallahan (Honeoye, NY), and Amy Springer (LaCrosse, WI); Division II (ages 14-18) winners were Piers Chapin (East Haddam, CT), Bethany Page (Susquehanna, PA), and Daniel Tuck (Dalton, GA); Division III (adult) winners were Joe Teske (Rathdrum, ID), Deb Welchel (Bitely, MI), and Kathy Gratsch (Cincinnati, OH).

The quality of the works of art entered in the annual APA Artist Competition gets better and better all the time. The enthusiasm, compassion, and talent of the artists are very compelling.

NEW JUDGES. Congratulations to the two new APA general-licensed judges in District 2, Jamie Matts (Harpurville, NY) and Paul Kroll (East Aurora, NY).

APA SEMIANNUAL MEET A SUCCESS. The 2005 APA/ABA joint semiannual, April 2-3, 2005, hosted by the Delmarva Poultry Fanciers, was a great success. Sincere thanks to all who showed birds and/or helped out in any way to make the event the great success that it was. It was a wonderful event for District 2, where there is a lot is going on in exhibition poultry circles these days.

The four educational seminars that took place during the day on Saturday at the Delmarva show were interesting and well attended and were a very nice feature of the show. Dr. Ken Maciorowski from Delaware State University spoke on "Incubation and Brooding" at 9:30 A.M. and on "Small Flock Management" at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Ernie Zirkle from the USDA spoke on "A.I., Bird Identification, and Other Issues of Importance to Exhibition Poultry Keepers" at 11:30 A.M.

At 1 P.M. the APA Judge Licensing Committee (Jim Sallee, chairman) hosted a seminar on "Judging Helmeted Guinea Fowl." The seminar was

conducted by Dr. S. R. Powell.

During the APA general membership meeting on Saturday afternoon, honor/lifetime achievement awards were presented by the APA to Bill Gladhill (Frederick, MD), Kay St. Amour (Darlington, MD), and the late Dr. Charles Wabeck, with Mike Waski accepting the award on behalf of the Wabeck family.

NEW MASTER EXHIBITORS. Congratulations to the following eight new APA Master Exhibitors in District 2: George Beyer (#545), the English Family (#551), Kenneth Merrill (#558), Chuck and Karyn Riggs (#561), Steven E. Wojtkowiak (#579), Dean Ennis (#590), Kyle and Deb Yacobucci (#593), and Vanessa and Jackie Koedatich (#594).

APA YEARBOOK. The *APA Yearbook* is a wonderful and important document and the production of the annual yearbook is one of the most important things that the APA does. Congratulations and sincere thanks to Peter Merlin for producing a beautiful 2004 *APA Yearbook*.

Three of the 11 articles in the 2004 *APA Yearbook* were written by District 2 authors: "Revising the Standards for Turkeys" (pp. 252-53) by Tom Lipiec; "Selective Breeding" by Rev. Roland Romig (p. 311); and "Some Interesting Numbers about Standard Chickens" (pp. 370-72) by S. Robert Powell.

APA POULTRY HEALTH GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS. At the APA Board of Directors meeting at the Delmarva show in April, it was regularly moved (Powell) and seconded (Gunderson) that the APA formally adopt poultry health guidelines and recommendations to protect exhibition flocks not only on the farm but also before, during, and after shows. The motion carried. Those guidelines and recommendations, which all of us should make every effort to follow, are now given on the District 2 webpage and will ultimately be available on the APA's webpage and in the organization's print media.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK. Congratulations

and continued good luck and success to the newest poultry club in District 2, the Endless Mountains Poultry Association, with headquarters in Harford, PA. The club, which was organized in November 2003 and which now has close to one hundred members, hosted a very successful APA/ABA-sanctioned show on June 12, 2004, with its second annual show to take place on June 11, 2005. David Stiles <stiles1415@hotmail.com> is the EMPA's president.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT. Are all of your poultry friends members of the APA? If they're not, they should be. Membership in the APA is especially important at this time because membership numbers can and do make a difference as we interact and negotiate with government officials about poultry health and identification issues and regulations. Elected officials, you can be sure, pay careful attention when they are contacted by organizations with broad memberships.

If every one of us in the APA were to recruit at least one new member at this time, we would not only double our current membership numbers but also significantly strengthen our negotiating position when we contact our state and provincial Departments of Agriculture and our elected and appointed government officials about poultry health and identification regulations.

SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS WITH THE USDA.

An important step was also taken by the APA to establish a working relationship with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) when representatives of the exhibition poultry community attended and participated in the day-long symposium hosted by the USDA/APHIS in Riverdale, MD (Washington, DC) on September 27, 2004.

Tom Lipiec, Chairman of the APA District 2 Avian Health Issue Task Force; Craig Russell, President of the Society for the Preservation of Poultry Antiquities; and I represented the exhibition poultry community in meetings with (1) T. J. Myers, Director of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; (2) Dr. Lynne Siegfried, APHIS, Veterinary

Services, Certification and Control Team, Poultry Diseases Staff; and (3) representatives of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Bird Identification Working Group (BIDWG).

The purpose of this day-long symposium was to advance the National Animal Identification System for poultry through a plan for transition, implementation, and continuity of bird identification consistent with the current national standards.

As a consequence of this highly successful day-long conference, all members of the working group now have an increased understanding and awareness of the concerns, objectives, and priorities of the other members of the group. At the same time, all members of the working group have agreed to work together to accomplish the long-term goals of the BIDWG. Those goals are (1) to come to a consensus regarding bird identification standards for poultry, (2) to produce the Poultry Identification subchapter of the NAIS, and (3) to implement bird identification where applicable to fulfill NAIS.

A second meeting of this same group took place on March 7, 2005, with Bill Wulff representing the ABA and S. R. Powell representing the APA. This second meeting was also highly successful. Most significantly, the American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association are now "at the table" and are regarded not only by the United States Department of Agriculture but also by a broad range of commercial and non-commercial poultry and avian groups as important participants in the discussions and meetings that will ultimately result in the Poultry Subchapter of the National Animal Identification System.

At the APA semiannual at Delmarva, an ABA/APA joint committee (Pat Lacey and David Adkins, ABA; Don Schrider and S. Robert Powell, APA; Bill Wulff, liaison) was formed for the purpose of providing the U. S. Department of Agriculture/APHIS with input and recommendations regarding bird identification standards for exhibition poultry and the content of the exhibition poultry identification subchapter of the National Animal Identification System. This committee's report on behalf of exhibition poultry was submitted to the USDA on April 15.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH THE PDA.

A large group of exhibition poultry fanciers, 4-H and youth leaders met on March 21 at Harrisburg with Dr. Paul E. Knepley, DVM, the new Director of the Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. It was my pleasure to represent APA District 2 at the meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the newly revised protocols for dealing with avian influenza and other disease regulations affecting exhibition poultry in Pennsylvania.

The meeting, which was organized by Phillip J. Clauer, Senior Extension Associate in the Poultry Science Department at Penn State University, was very successful. We, the exhibition poultry community in Pennsylvania, are now recognized by the PDA as an integral component of Pennsylvania's huge poultry industry and we will be "at the table" as policies, procedures and regulations are formulated that affect the exhibition poultry community in Pennsylvania.

AS INDIVIDUALS WE MUST CONTACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. Do your legislators know what is important to you as a breeder and exhibitor of poultry? Do they know what health and identification regulations you can live with if you are to continue to raise and show birds?

All of us in the APA must speak up and be heard--which means that we, as individuals, must contact our government officials and teach them about exhibition poultry and explain to them the poultry health and identification regulations that we can live with if we are to continue to raise and show birds.

And when you do contact your government officials, be sure to follow the protocol (the do's and don'ts) that the APA Legislative Committee (Dave Anderson, Rich Barczewski, Bart Pals, and David Wulff) has drawn up. That protocol is detailed in the article from the APA Legislative Committee on page 47 of the June 2004 issue of *Poultry Press*. If

you would like me to send you a copy of that article, I'll be glad to do so.

The days are long gone when we, as exhibition poultry breeders and exhibitors, can sit quietly on the sidelines and assume that we will be able to continue indefinitely to raise and show birds as we have for generations. There are lots of folks "out there" (some of them in very high places and very powerful) who can and will tell us what we can and can not do if we allow them to. It's too late to lock the barn door once the horse has run away.

As we work with government officials and, at the same time, stand up for our rights as the exhibition poultry community and as citizens, one thing that we must not do is to give up because the odds, at times, appear to be against us.

The road ahead for exhibition poultry, for many of us, will not be a smooth one. But if we all work together we can guarantee that we--and those who come after us--will be able to raise and show exhibition birds.

S. Robert Powell, APA District 2 Director

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS POULTRY ASSOCIATION

Serving the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Beyond

Spring Auction, April 10, 2004 -- Summer Show, June 12, 2004

Harford Fairgrounds (just off I-81), Susquehanna County

President: David Stiles

First Vice President: Rev. Roland Romig

Second Vice President: Tom Lipiec

Secretary/Treasurer: S. Robert Powell

Directors: Harold Alesky, Bob Simons

Youth Coordinators: Jessica Sartell, Beth Page

Elton W. Minnich

Elton W. Minnich is the proprietor (along with his wife Jeannie) of "Minnich's Coop". They have a son, Josh, who is in college in Shippensburg, Pa. They reside at 6555 Madison Street in New Tripoli, Pa. 18066-3937 He can be reached by phone at (610) 298-3467. On the internet he is known as chickenmanme@aol.com.

He proudly states that he has always been a Cochin man raising both Large and Bantams. He does admit that he raises other breeds just to keep his wits sharp on how other breeds develop to maturity. At present, he has some Japs and Belgians.

His father, Russell, who passed away in 1979 used to raise Wyandotte and Belgian Bantams plus some breeds of rabbits when he was a young man. In 1954 when he was 8 years old, Elton and his 5 brothers started to raise Cochin Bantams since they were so docile as a breed. Each brother and he had their own separate color. Elton's was Partridge. Their first show was the Allentown Fair which was a prestigious show in those days. They did not win a single first-place ribbon! The following year, they began to show under the name "Minnich Brothers".

The Minnich Brothers showed at the Allentown, Bloomsburg, Ephrata, Reading, Syracuse, and York Shows as well as the Pennsylvania Farm Show. They tried to attend all the Fall shows in Pennsylvania and New Jersey plus go to the Frederick, Maryland show. Every ten years or so, they would attend Richmond, Virginia and/or the Ohio National if a meet was held for Cochins. About 1980, Minnich Brothers stopped showing and then Elton showed under his own name.

He always belonged to the APA and the ABA. He has been a licensed judge in the ABA since 1977 and an APA judge since 1981. He does not have his waterfowl license for either club. Belonging to the Cochins International Club, he was one of their first club officers. Presently, Elton does 4H and youth judging and tries to spread his knowledge of poultry to our youth.

His father influenced him the most when it comes to his love of poultry. He was known for his Standard Cochins and Bantam and Large Wyandottes. He was a quiet person, so on a sad note he didn't tell the brothers about how he bred his birds. There were many breeding pens for certain of the colors. Buff had either 7 or 9 pens with 2 or 3 females with the male in each pen. Elton had to learn most of the poultry breeding by himself. Most of the old timers did not talk about their programs. Prestige was a big thing! Elton firmly believes that as older poultry breeders, we must now "talk chicken" to our younger generation of poultry people.

Elton says that with all his brothers in competition together at the shows, they made many friends and probably a few enemies, but the friendships have lasted a lifetime. The Armed Forces began to take them away from home, so his brothers dropped out of poultry. He was the only one left. Now his health is beginning to hold him back. Elton does offer this advice: "I don't really like to lose when I show, so if you don't like to lose.....don't show. Sometimes I don't!"

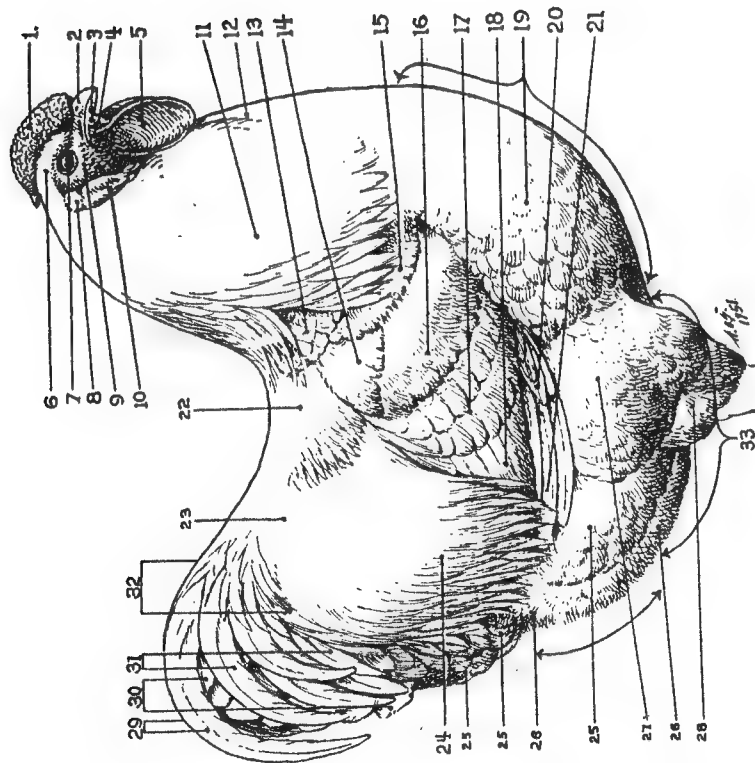


FIGURE 3

NOMENCLATURE OF MALE

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| 1. Comb | 18. Secondaries or Wing Bay |
| 2. Upper Mandible or Beak | 19. Breast |
| 3. Lower Mandible or Beak | 20. Primary Coverts |
| 4. Throat | 21. Primaries |
| 5. Wattle | 22. Back |
| 6. Skull | 23. Upper Saddle |
| 7. Eye | 24. Lower Saddle |
| 8. Ear | 25. Rear Body Feathers |
| 9. Ear-lobe | 26. Fluff or Stern |
| 10. Hackle | 27. Lower Thigh Feathers |
| 11. Front of Neck Plumage | 28. Hock Plumage |
| 12. Cape | 29. Main Slickles |
| 13. Shoulder | 30. Main Tail |
| 14. Wing Front | 31. Lesser Slickles |
| 15. Wing Bow | 32. Tail Coverts |
| 16. Wing Coverts or Wing Bars | 33. Abdomen |

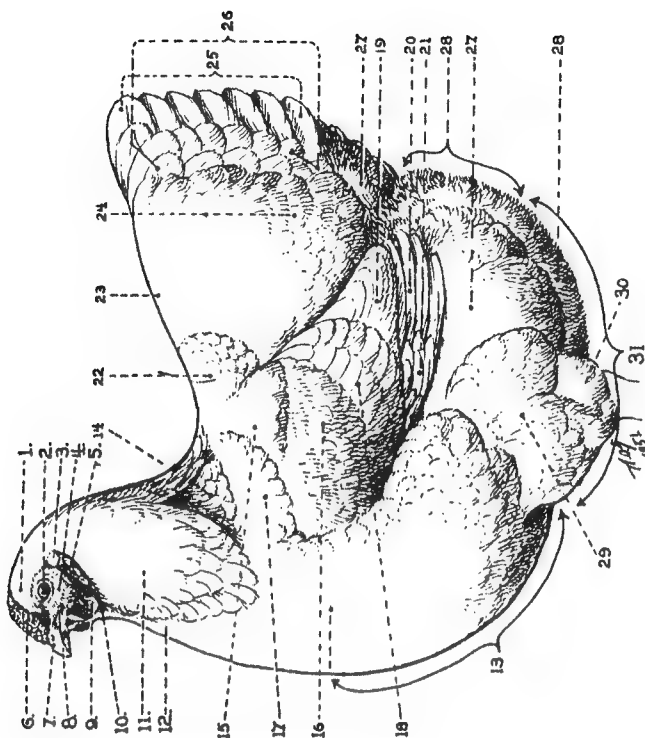


FIGURE 4

NOMENCLATURE OF FEMALE

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| 1. Skull | 17. Wing Front |
| 2. Eye | 18. Wing Covert or Wing Bar |
| 3. Ear | 19. Secondaries or Wing Bay |
| 4. Face | 20. Primaries |
| 5. Ear-lobe | 21. Primary Coverts |
| 6. Comb | 22. Back |
| 7. Nostril | 23. Sweep of Back |
| 8. Beak | 24. Cushion |
| 9. Wattle | 25. Main Tail |
| 10. Throat | 26. Tail Coverts |
| 11. Hackle | 27. Rear Body Feathers |
| 12. Front of Neck Plumage | 28. Fluff or Stern |
| 13. Breast | 29. Lower Thigh Plumage |
| 14. Cape | 30. Hock Plumage |
| 15. Shoulder | 31. Abdomen |
| 16. Wing Bow | |

Nomenclature of Male and Female

(Reprinted here from the APA's *American Standard of Perfection*)

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November 3, 2005

Next EMPA Meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2005,

at noon

Mountain View Restaurant

Clifford, PA

Minutes of October 15, 2005

EMPA Meeting

On October 15, 2005, the EMPA met at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford. Present at the meeting were Ron, Lynn, and David Stiles; Merl and Bess Rynearson; Harold Alesky; and S. Robert Powell.

A wrap up on the October 1, 2005 auction was presented by David Stiles. The auction was somewhat smaller than expected, but the EMPA realized a profit of \$371 on the event.

At the request of the junior and 4-H members of the EMPA, the November 2005 meeting of the club will begin with a program that will focus on selecting birds for breeding pens, setting up of breeding pens, and making preparations for the 2006 breeding season. Information will also be presented on procedures for successfully wintering over birds. Junior and 4-H members of the club who have a standard of perfection are asked to bring along their copy to the meeting.

Mark these dates on your calendar now: EMPA Spring 2006 Auction, May 6; EMPA 2006 Summershow, June 10. The judges for the 2006 EMPA Summershow will be

Jamie Matts, Rick Porr, and Rev. Roland Romig.

Nancy Tyler is the person in the Harford Fair office that we will have to contact to get on the official Harford Fairgrounds calendar.

Lynn Stiles said that she would be able to help out in the food stand for the auction on May 6, 2006, but that she would not be available to help out in the food stand for the June 10 show.

A discussion of the upcoming EMPA elections took place. Nominations for all officer positions are now open. The Secretary also noted that membership renewal forms would be included in the November and December issues of the *EMPA Newsletter*.

With no additional business to conduct, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell, Secretary

EMPA Elections

Nominations for all officers and directors are now open. Write-in nominations (president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary/treasurer, and one director) must be received by the secretary before November 30.

Note: Directors are elected for two years. There are two director positions. One is elected each year. Bob Simons and Harold

Pyncheon Bantams

In the *Bantam Standard*, published by the American Bantam Association, we learn that Pyncheon bantams (pp. 154-155) originated in the United States and that they were bred by Nathaniel Hawthorne in 1850.

Pyncheon bantams are the same size as Old English Game bantams (24-22-22-20), with a single comb and a tassel (a tuft or crest of feathers rising from the head at the rear section of the comb, falling gracefully over back of neck), and with mille fleur plumage. Pyncheon bantams are rarely seen in poultry shows in the United States.

In no less than five instances, Pyncheon bantams figure in Hawthorne's *The House of the Seven Gables*, which Hawthorne began writing in September 1850 in Lenox, MA. The book was finished late in January, 1851, and was published that same year by the Boston firm of Ticknor, Reed and Fields. The romance deals largely with heredity, and legacies of passion, greed, pride, virtue, grace, and beauty, interwoven with New England legend and the history and tradition of many old New England families.

The House of the Seven Gables is based on the tradition of a curse pronounced on the author's family when his great-grandfather was a judge in the Salem witchcraft trials. The ancestral home of the Pyncheons had been cursed by Matthew Maule, whom Colonel Pyncheon had defrauded of the land on which the seven-gabled house stood. Now owned by hypocritical Judge Jaffrey Pyncheon, the dilapidated mansion is inhabited by tenants: Jaffrey's indigent cousin, Hepzibah; a country relative, Phoebe; a single roomer, the young daguerreotypist, Holgrave; and, before the story is long under way, Hepzibah's brother, Clifford, broken in both mind and body by 30 years' imprisonment for the alleged murder of a wealthy uncle. Jaffrey's threat to confine Clifford to an asylum is circumvented when the former dies suddenly when searching the house for a missing deed. Holgrave identifies himself at the last of the Maules, explains that Jaffrey and the wealthy uncle were both victims of the curse that his ancestor had placed on the house, marries Phoebe, and leaves the old mansion to Hepzibah and her brother.

Here are five passages from *The House of the Seven Gables* in which Pyncheon fowls figure. These passages are reprinted here from the edition of the novel that was published in 1937 by The World Syndicate Publishing Company, Cleveland and New York.

PASSAGE ONE: pp. 90-93: From this first passage, we learn that there were four Pyncheon fowls in the garden of *The House of the Seven Gables*: a cock, two hens, and a chick. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the plural of "chick" was taken to be "chicken" (not "chicks, as in the present usage), so when Hawthorne speaks of "Chanticleer, his two wives, and a solitary chicken, he is referring to a cock, two hens, and one chick. We also learn that Pyncheon fowls "in their prime" were almost the size of turkeys and superior table fowl that laid eggs of a size "which an ostrich need hardly have been ashamed of." The hens now, 1851, lacked vitality (. . . "the hens. . . had a queer, rusty, withered aspect, and a gouty kind of movement, and a sleepy and melancholy tone throughout all the variations of their clucking and cackling.") and were "scarcely larger than pigeons" because, it seems, of too much inbreeding (...the race had degenerated of too strict a watchfulness to keep it pure." The hens were not good layers: ". . . they laid now and then an egg, and hatched a chicken; not for any pleasure of their own, but that the world might not absolutely lose what had once been so admirable a breed of fowls." The distinguishing feature of the hens was "a crest of lamentably scanty growth, in these latter days, but so oddly and wickedly analogous to Hepzibah's turban, that Phoebe was led to fancy a general resemblance betwixt these forlorn bipeds and her respectable relative."

Nor must we forget to mention a hen-coop of very reverend antiquity that stood in the further corner of the garden, not a great way from the fountain. It now contained only Chanticleer, his two wives, and a solitary chicken. All of them were pure specimens of a breed which had been transmitted down as an heirloom in the Pyncheon family, and were said, while in their prime, to have attained almost the size of turkeys, and, on the score of delicate flesh, to be fit for a prince's table. In proof of the authenticity of this legendary renown, Hepzibah could have exhibited the shell of a great egg, which an ostrich need hardly have been ashamed of. Be that as it might, the hens were now scarcely larger than pigeons, and had a queer, rusty, withered aspect, and a gouty kind of movement, and a sleepy and melancholy tone throughout all the variations of their clucking and cackling. It was evident that the race had degenerated, like many a noble race besides, in consequence of too strict a watchfulness to keep it pure. These feathered people had existed too long in their distinct variety; a fact of which the present representatives, judging by their lugubrious deportment, seemed to be aware. They kept themselves alive, unquestionably, and laid now and then an egg, and hatched a chicken; not for any pleasure of their own, but that the world might not absolutely lose what had once been so admirable a breed of fowls. The distinguishing mark of the hens was a crest of lamentably scanty growth, in these latter days, but so oddly and wickedly analogous to Hepzibah's turban, that Phœbe—to the poignant distress of her conscience, but inevitably—was led to fancy a general resemblance betwixt these forlorn bipeds and her respectable relative.

The girl ran into the house to get some crumbs of bread, cold potatoes, and other such scraps as were suitable to the accommodating appetite of fowls. Returning, she gave a peculiar call, which they seemed to recognize. The chicken crept through the pales of the coop, and ran, with some show of liveliness to her feet; while Chanticleer and the ladies of his household regarded her with queer, sidelong glances, and then croaked one to another, as if communicating their sage opinions of her character. So wise, as well as antique, was their aspect, as to give color to the idea, not merely that they were the descendants of a time-honored race, but that they had existed, in their

individual capacity, ever since the House of the Seven Gables was founded, and were somehow mixed up with its destiny. They were a species of tutelary sprite, or Banshee; although winged and feathered differently from most other guardian angels.

"Here, you odd little chicken!" said Phœbe; "here are some nice crumbs for you!"

The chicken, hereupon, though almost as venerable in appearance as its mother,—possessing, indeed, the whole antiquity of its progenitors, in miniature,—mustered vivacity enough to flutter upward and alight on Phœbe's shoulder.

"That little fowl pays you a high compliment!" said a voice behind Phœbe.

Turning quickly, she was surprised at sight of a young man, who had found access into the garden by a door opening out of another gable than that whence she had emerged. He had a hoe in his hand, and, while Phœbe was gone in quest of the crumbs, had begun to busy himself with drawing up fresh earth about the roots of the tomatoes.

"The chicken really treats you like an old acquaintance," continued he, in a quiet way, while a smile made his face pleasanter than Phœbe at first fancied it. "Those venerable personages in the coop, too, seem very affably disposed. You are lucky to be in their good graces so soon! They have known me much longer, but never honor me with any familiarity, though hardly a day passes without my bringing them food. Miss Hepzibah, I suppose, will interweave the fact with her other traditions, and set it down that the fowls know you to be a Pyncheon!"

"The secret is," said Phœbe, smiling, "that I have learned how to talk with hens and chickens."

"Ah! but these hens," answered the young man,— "these hens of aristocratic lineage would scorn to understand the vulgar language of a barn-yard fowl. I prefer to think,—and so would Miss Hepzibah,—that they recognize the family tone. For you are a Pyncheon?"

"My name is Phœbe Pyncheon," said the girl, with a manner of some reserve; for she was aware that her new acquaintance could be no other than the daguerreotypist, of whose lawless propensities the old maid had given her a disagreeable idea. "I did not know that my cousin Hepzibah's garden was under another person's care."

PASSAGE TWO: pp. 155-159: the Pyncheon chickens were free-range in the Pyncheon garden, where they ate snails and worms and enjoyed the brackish water of Maule's well. The cock "though stalking on two stilt-like legs, with the dignity of interminable descent in all his gestures, was hardly bigger than an ordinary partridge." The two hens were "about the size of quails" and the chick "looked small enough to be still in the egg, and, at the same time, sufficiently old, withered, wizened, and experienced, to have been the founder of the antiquated race." The mother of the chick was a good one, "ruffling her small person to twice its proper size, and flying in everybody's face that so much as looked towards her hopeful progeny." The chick had the breed's hereditary marks: "the peculiar speckle of its plumage, the funny tuft on its head, and a knob on each of its legs. Those marks, said the daguerreotypist, "betoken the oddities of the Pyncheon family and that the chicken itself was a symbol of the life of the old house, embodying its interpretation, likewise, although an unintelligible one." The second hen (not the mother of the chick) laid a teaspoon-sized egg that Hepzibah served to Clifford at breakfast "on account of a certain delicacy of flavor, for which. . . these eggs had always been famous." The Pyncheon cock, we also learn, is fond of spice cake.

One of the available means of amusement, of which Phœbe made the most, in Clifford's behalf, was that feathered society, the hens, a breed of whom, as we have already said, was an immemorial heirloom in the Pyncheon family. In compliance with a whim of Clifford, as it troubled him to see them in confinement, they had been set at liberty, and now roamed at will about the garden; doing some little mischief, but hindered from escape by buildings, on three sides, and the difficult peaks of a wooden fence, on the other. They spent much of their abundant leisure on the margin of Maule's well, which was haunted by a kind of snail, evidently a titbit to their palates; and the brackish water itself, however nauseous to the rest of the world, was so greatly esteemed by these fowls, that they might be seen tasting, turning up their heads, and smacking their bills, with precisely the air of wine-bibbers round a probationary cask. Their generally quiet, yet often brisk, and constantly diversified talk, one to another, or sometimes in soliloquy,—as they scratched worms out of the rich, black soil, or pecked at such plants as suited their taste,—had such a domestic tone, that it was almost a wonder why you could not establish a regular interchange of ideas about household matters, human and gallina-cous. All hens are well worth studying, for the piquancy and rich variety of their manners; but by no possibility can there have been other fowls of such odd appearance and deportment as these ancestral ones. They probably embodied the traditional peculiarities of their whole line of progenitors, derived through an unbroken succession of eggs; or else this individual Chanticleer and his two wives had grown to be humorists, and a little crack-brained withal, on account of their solitary way of life, and out of sympathy for Hepzibah, their lady-patroness.

Queerly, indeed, they looked! Chanticleer himself, though stalking on two stilt-like legs, with the dignity of interminable descent in all his gestures, was hardly bigger than an ordinary partridge; his two wives were about the size of quails; and as for the one chicken, it looked small enough to be still in the egg, and, at the same time, sufficiently old, withered, wizened, and experienced, to have been the founder of the antiquated race. Instead of being the youngest of the family, it rather seemed to have aggregated into itself the ages, not only of these living specimens of the breed, but of all its forefathers and foremothers, whose united excellences and oddities were squeezed into its little body. Its mother evidently regarded it as the one chicken of the world, and as necessary, in fact, to the world's continuance, or, at any rate, to the equilibrium of the present system of affairs, whether in church or state. No lesser sense of the infant fowl's importance could have justified, even in a mother's eyes, the perseverance with which she watched over its safety, ruffling her small person to twice its proper size, and flying in everybody's face that so much as looked towards her hopeful progeny. No lower estimate could have vindicated the indefatigable zeal with which she scratched, and her unscrupulousness in digging up the choicest flower or vegetable, for the sake of the fat earth-worm at its root. Her nervous cluck, when the chicken happened to be hidden in the long grass or under the squash-leaves; her gentle croak of satisfaction, while sure of it beneath her wing; her note of ill-concealed fear and obstreperous defiance, when she saw her arch-enemy, a neighbor's cat, on the top of the high fence;—one or other of these sounds was to be heard at almost every moment of the day. By degrees, the observer came to feel nearly as much interest in this chicken of illustrious race as the mother-hen did.

Phœbe, after getting well acquainted with the old hen, was sometimes permitted to take the chicken in her hand, which was quite capable of grasping its cubic inch or two of body. While she curiously examined its hereditary marks,—the peculiar speckle of its plumage, the funny tuft on its head, and a knob on each of its legs,—the little biped, as she insisted, kept giving her a sagacious wink. The daguerreotypist once whispered her that these marks betokened the oddities of the Pyncheon family, and that the chicken itself was a symbol of the life of the old house, embodying its interpretation, likewise, although an unintelligible one, as such clues generally are. It was a feathered riddle; a mystery hatched out of an egg, and just as mysterious as if the egg had been addle!

The second of Chanticleer's two wives, ever since Phœbe's arrival, had been in a state of heavy despondency, caused, as it afterwards appeared, by her inability to lay an egg. One day, however, by her self-important gait, the side-way turn of her head, and the cock of her eye, as she pried into one and another nook of the garden,—croaking to herself, all the while, with inexpressible complacency,—it was made evident that this identical hen, much as mankind under-valued her, carried something about her person, the worth of which was not to be estimated either in gold or precious stones. Shortly after, there was a prodigious cackling and gratulation of Chanticleer and all his family, including the wizened chicken, who appeared to understand the matter quite as well as did his sire, his mother, or his aunt. That afternoon Phœbe found a diminutive egg,—not in the regular nest—it was far too precious to be trusted there,—but cunningly hidden under the currant-bushes, on some dry stalks of last year's grass. Hepzibah, on learning the fact, took possession of the egg and appropriated it to Clifford's breakfast, on account of a certain delicacy of flavor, for which, as she affirmed, these eggs had always been famous. Thus unscrupulously did the old gentlewoman sacrifice the continuance, perhaps, of an ancient feathered race, with no better end than to supply her brother with a dainty that hardly filled the bowl of a tea-spoon! It must have been in reference to this outrage that Chanticleer, the next day, accompanied by the bereaved mother of the egg, took his post in front of Phœbe and Clifford, and delivered himself of a harangue that might have proved as long as his own pedigree, but for a fit of merriment on Phœbe's part. Hereupon, the offended fowl stalked away on his long stilts, and utterly withdrew his notice from Phœbe and the rest of human nature, until she made her peace with an offering of spice-cake, which, next to snails, was the delicacy most in favor with his aristocratic taste.

We linger too long, no doubt, beside this paltry rivulet of life that flowed through the garden of the Pyncheon-house. But we deem it pardonable to record these mean incidents, and poor delights, because they proved so greatly to Clifford's benefit. They had the earth-smell in them, and contributed to give him health and substance. Some of his occupations wrought less desirably upon him. He had a singular propensity, for example, to hang over Maule's well, and look at the constantly shifting phantasmagoria of figures produced by the agitation of the water over the mosaic-work of colored pebbles at the bottom.

PASSAGE THREE: p. 228: The Pyncheon fowls are fed bread crumbs and like buckwheat.

She peeped from the window into the garden, and felt herself more regretful at leaving this spot of black earth, vitiated with such an age-long growth of weeds, than joyful at the idea of again scenting her pine-forests and fresh clover-fields. She called Chanticleer, his two wives, and the venerable chicken, and threw them some crumbs of bread from the breakfast-table. These being hastily gobbled up, the chicken spread its wings, and alighted close by Phoebe on the window-sill, where it looked gravely into her face and vented its emotions in a croak. Phoebe bade it be a good old chicken during her absence, and promised to bring it a little bag of buckwheat.

PASSAGE FOUR: p. 239: The Pyncheon family not only gave its name to a breed of poultry, but also to a variety of Pear as well as to "the famous Pyncheon-bull."

To apply this train of remark somewhat more closely to Judge Pyncheon.—We might say (without in the least imputing crime to a personage of his eminent respectability) that there was enough of splendid rubbish in his life to cover up and paralyze a more active and subtle conscience than the judge was ever troubled with. The purity of his judicial character, while on the bench; the faithfulness of his public service in subsequent capacities; his devotedness to his party, and the rigid consistency with which he had adhered to its principles; or, at all events, kept pace with its organized movements; his remarkable zeal as president of a Bible society; his unimpeachable integrity as treasurer of a widow's and orphan's fund; his benefits to horticulture, by producing two much-esteemed varieties of the pear, and to agriculture, through the agency of the famous Pyncheon-bull;

PASSAGE FIVE: p. 328: The Pyncheon fowls are moved from the house of the seven gables to the elegant country-seat of the late Judge Pyncheon, which seems to be a better environment for them, because once there "the two hens had forthwith begun an indefatigable process of egg-laying, with the evident design, as a matter of duty and conscience, to continue their illustrious breed under better auspices than for a century past."

Very soon after their change of fortune, Clifford, Hepzibah, and little Phoebe, with the approval of the artist, concluded to remove from the dismal old House of the Seven Gables, and take up their abode, for the present, at the elegant country-seat of the late Judge Pyncheon. Chanticleer and his family had already been transported thither, where the two hens had forthwith begun an indefatigable process of egg-laying, with an evident design, as a matter of duty and conscience, to continue their illustrious breed under better auspices than for a century past. On the day set for their departure, the principal personages of our story, including good Uncle Venner, were assembled in the parlor.

PYNCHION BANTAM

ORIGIN: United States, bred by Nathaniel Hawthorne in 1850.

AMERICAN STATUS: Not common.

Weight

Cock – 24 oz./680 grams

Hen – 22 oz./625 grams

Cockerel – 22 oz./625 grams

Pullet – 20 oz./570 grams

Shape of Male

COMB: Single – medium size, set firmly and evenly on head, straight and upright, with five moderately and evenly serrated points, fine in texture, set well forward on head.

TASSEL: A tuft or crest of feathers rising from the head at rear section of comb, falling gracefully over back of neck.

BEAK: Medium length, nicely curved.

FACE: Fine in texture, free from wrinkles or folds.

EYES: Large, round, bright.

WATTLES: Medium size, fine texture, nicely rounded at lower edges, no wrinkles or folds.

EAR LOBES: Small, almond shaped, smooth.

HEAD: Rather large, broad, deep.

NECK: Medium length, nicely arched.

HACKLE: Moderately full, flowing over back and shoulders.

BACK: Medium length, broad at shoulders, tapering and sloping to tail.

SADDLE: Plentiful, of sufficient length to fill in space between wing tips and tail coverts.

TAIL: Main Tail – full, well expanded, feathers broad, carried at an angle of 45° above the horizontal.

Sickles & Lesser Sickles – broad, nicely curved.

Coverts – well curved, becoming wider as they spread up tail.

WINGS: Moderately large, carried low, not to cover hock joints, extending slightly beyond stern. Shoulders & Fronts – slightly raised, partly hidden by hackle. Bows – smooth, well rounded. Coverts – making two rows of broad feathers across wings. Primaries – medium width, moderately long, hidden by secondaries. Secondaries – wide, moderately long, tapering convexly to stern.

BREAST: Full, rounded, carried well up and forward.

BODY & STERN: Body – medium length, of good depth and width.

Stern – well tucked up; fluff, short.

LEGS & TOES: medium length, slender, straight when viewed from front.

Lower Thighs – medium length, slender, tapering neatly to hocks.

Shanks – medium length, fine bone, neatly and evenly scaled.

Spurs – medium length, slightly curved, set low.

Toes – four, straight, well and evenly spread.

APPEARANCE: Active, alert, graceful.

Shape of Female

COMB: Single – small, set firmly and evenly on head, front of comb and first point to stand erect and the remainder drooping gradually to one side, with five moderately serrated points, fine in texture, set well forward of head.

TASSEL: Small, compact, globular, resembles crest but farther back on head.

BEAK: Medium length, nicely curved.

FACE: Fine in texture, free from wrinkles or folds.

EYES: Large, round, bright.

WATTLES: Small, nicely rounded, free from wrinkles or folds.

EAR LOBES: Small, almond shaped, smooth.

HEAD: Medium size, broad, deep.

NECK: Medium length, slightly arched.

HACKLE: Moderately full, flowing over back and shoulders.

BACK: Medium length, broad at shoulders, tapering and sloping to tail.

CUSHION: Moderately full.

TAIL: Main Tail – medium length, moderately spread, top two feathers slightly convexed.
 Coverts – medium width, flowing well up tail.
WINGS: Moderately large, carried low, not to cover hock joints, extending slightly beyond stern. Shoulders & Fronts – partly hidden by hackle and breast feathers. Bows – smooth, well rounded. Coverts – forming two rows of broad feathers across wings. Primaries – medium width, moderately long, concealed by secondaries. Secondaries – moderately wide and long, tapering convexly to stern.
BREAST: Full, round, carried well up and forward.
BODY & STERN: Body – medium length, of good depth and width.
 Stern – well tucked up; fluff, short.
LEGS & TOES: Legs – medium length, slender, straight when viewed from front. Lower Thighs – medium length, slender, tapering neatly to hocks. Shanks – medium length, fine boned, neatly and evenly scaled. Toes – four, straight, well and evenly spread.
APPEARANCE: Active, alert, sedate.

Disqualifications

Globular crest on male – Absence of tassel on male.

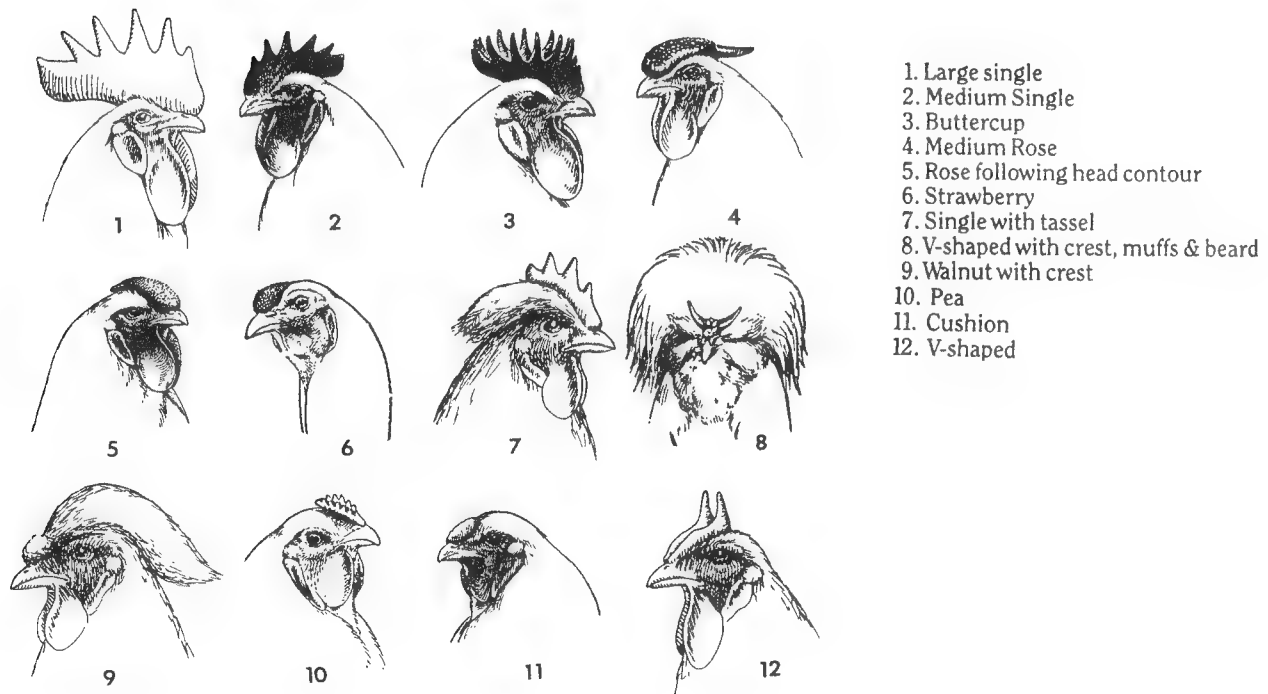
Defects

Divided or split tassel on female – Neck too long and/or straight – Hollow breast – Tail with narrow main tail and sickle feathers – Lack of activity, sluggishness.

COLOR OF MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES & EAR LOBES: Bright red. **TASSEL:** To match hackle.
BEAK: Horn. **EYES:** Reddish bay. **SHANKS & TOES:** Willow yellow.
PLUMAGE: Refer to mille fleur color description.

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Next EMPA Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2006,
at noon, at the Mountain View
Restaurant in Clifford, PA

Membership Renewals

The following membership renewals or new memberships for 2006 have been received since 11-03-2005: April Cook, Howard Kogan, Karen and Rudy Brouillette, Brian Pifer and sons Brett, Zane and Aaron, Bill Goff, Bob Simons (2 years), Thomas Saullo, Paul A. Jones, Wendy Robinson, Mark Burns (2 years), Paul F. Kroll, Steven and Jodie Stanford and Zachary and Justin and Madisson, Glenn B. Kugler, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Romig, Curtis R. Oakes, and Stanley A. Foster.

These membership renewals and new memberships are much appreciated by the EMPA. Thank you.

2006 Membership in the EMPA

If a blank EMPA membership renewal form is enclosed with your issue of this newsletter, fill it out and mail in now your dues for 2006.

Minutes of November 12, 2005 EMPA Meeting

The 11-12-2005 meeting of the EMPA at the Mountain View Restaurant

in Clifford, PA was called to order at noon by President David Stiles. Present were John Beeman, Bill Goff, Dave Stiles, Merl Rynearson, Ron Stiles, Bob Simons, Harold Alesky, Lynn Stiles, Bess Rynearson, and S. Robert Powell.

It was regularly moved (L. Stiles) and seconded (Beeman) that the minutes of the October 15, 2005 meeting of the EMPA, as published on page 1 of the 11-03-2005 *EMPA Newsletter* be approved as published. The motion carried. The treasurer reported that as of 11-12-2005, the balance in the EMPA checking account was \$2391.39.

Merl Rynearson brought up the idea of the EMPA's offering cash awards to the junior exhibitors at the annual Harford Fair. One award could be for school grades 1 through 8; another could be for grades 9 through 12. He also suggested that the EMPA purchase a copy of the current standard of perfection for poultry and one for pigeons and make those standards available, on a one-month rotating basis, to the junior members of the club. It was regularly moved (Powell) and seconded (Beeman) that Merl's awards suggestion be adopted by the EMPA. The motion carried.

Bob Simons noted that there will not be any 4-H meetings during the winter months and that the 4-H meetings will begin again in April. He suggested that the EMPA make a concerted effort to get as many as possible of the 4-H and junior members of the EMPA at the

February meeting of the association so that the youth activities for the year could be planned.

President Dave Stiles called for nominations for the open officer and director positions in the EMPA for 2006: The following nominations were received: Dave Stiles, president; Bill Goff, first vice president; John Beeman, second vice president; S. Robert Powell, secretary/treasurer; and Bob Simons, director.

The secretary noted that additional nominations (write-in) could be made for any of those positions until November 30.

The secretary also noted that if more than one nomination for any position was received that ballots would be sent to all members in good standing, the ballots to be returned to the Secretary before the regular January 2006 meeting, at which time the ballots would be opened and counted and the newly elected officers to assume office at that meeting.

At the suggestion of Tom Lipiec (who was not able to attend the meeting but whose suggestion was presented by the secretary), the EMPA decided to send a gift, possibly a fruit basket, together with a note of greetings and best wishes, to Bill Whitney, Bath, NY, who is presently undergoing difficult medical treatments. Lynn Stiles composed the following note to be included with the gift: "Dear Bill, Here we are at our monthly meeting, and we wanted you to know we were thinking of you. Everyone here wishes you well as you go through your treatments. Sincerely, EMPA. The note, which was written on the back of one of the restaurant's place mats, was signed by everyone present.

Ken and Mary Learn, Bath, NY, are good friends with the Whitney family and with many members of the EMPA.

The secretary sent the note and the EMPA's check to Mary Learn and asked her if she would arrange through a Bath, NY store to have a gift sent to Bill Whitney from the EMPA.

Mary Learn graciously agreed to do so. On December 1, 2005, she sent the following note to the EMPA secretary: "Dear Robert, . . . Bill has been drinking a red grape juice that is produced by Bully Hill Vineyards. This juice aids cancer patients' ability to obtain necessary nutrients and it agrees with them. With your check we purchased a case of this grape juice and with the remainder of the money a gift card from P&C Grocery. Bill has had his third chemotherapy treatment and his spirits are good. I gave him the EMPA newsletter you sent and the placemat/note. . . ."

Put these dates on your calendar now: EMPA spring auction, May 6; EMPA summershow, June 10, with Judi Sartell as show secretary.

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2006, at noon, at the Mountain View Restaurant in Clifford.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Robert Powell, secretary

APA Certificates

The EMPA is an associate member of the American Poultry Association and, as such, may host officially sanctioned APA meets in conjunction with the EMPA shows.

Those members of the EMPA who are also members of the American Poultry Association and who had class or show champions at the EMPA Summershow this past June will have received by this time the beautiful certificates that the APA sends out for those wins at APA-sanctioned shows.

The certificates bear the embossed seal of the APA and the original signature of the APA secretary, Ric Ashcraft.

The poultry show at the annual Harford Fair has always been a very good one and the fact that the show is now sanctioned by the American Poultry Association is very nice. This sanctioning conveys the message, coast to coast, that the poultry show hosted annually by the Harford Agricultural Society is a quality event.

At the bottom of each of the certificates awarded by the APA to the owners of the class and show champions at last summer's EMPA show one reads: Harford Agricultural Society Poultry Show, August 22-27, 2005.

2006 Harford Fair Book

All additions and/or corrections to the 2006 Harford Fair premium book must be received by the Harford Fair office by March 1 (which is not that far away).

If you have any additions and/or corrections, e-mail them to Denise or Sue before March 1 at hfair@nep.net.

APA and ABA Associate Memberships

For a poultry group/association to be able to host a show that is sanctioned by the APA and/or the ABA, the group/association must hold a

current associate membership in those associations.

The EMPA's associate membership in the APA for 2006 was paid (check #353 for \$25) on 01-11-06; the EMPA's associate membership in the ABA for 2006 was paid (#355 for \$25) on 01-12-06.

Brahma Postage Stamp

In 1948, the U. S. Postal Service issued a postage stamp with a standard Light Brahma on it. Shown below is a block of four of these stamps with Harvey C. Woods' signature on it.



The specifics that led up to the creation and issuing of this stamp are very interesting, especially since the idea for the stamp was born in Honesdale, PA.

Don Cable (6442 Chestnut Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662) learned the details on this stamp's interesting history from Frank L. Gary (1897-1985), who, in the course of a long and very productive life, did a great deal for exhibition poultry as a breeder, exhibitor, promoter, administrator, and editor (see the article titled "Frank L. Gary" by S. Robert Powell in the 2001 *ABA Yearbook*, pp. 316-325).

Gary's achievements and successes in the realm of exhibition poultry were truly extraordinary, and people like him don't come along very

often. We who are interested in exhibition poultry owe a lot to Frank L. Gary.

A few years ago, Don Cable wrote an article for *Poultry Press* in which he paid tribute to the late Frank L. Gary.

Shortly thereafter, S. Robert Powell wrote to Don Cable and thanked him for writing the tribute to Gary, and said that he, too, recognized and appreciated Gary's highly important work on behalf of exhibition poultry.

On July 22, 2005, Don Cable wrote to S. R. Powell and said, in part:

"...Yours was the only response [to the Gary tribute], which brought home the fact that the truly great among us seldom get the recognition in life (or otherwise) that they deserve. With your past letter in mind, I am enclosing an article that I wrote recently for the *SPPA Bulletin* in which our mutual late friend responded in a letter to me regarding the postage stamp in question. I thought perhaps that you might find it of some interest and a bit of poultry history. . ."

We are very pleased to give here Don Cable's article titled "A Stamp of Approval."

A STAMP OF APPROVAL

Postage stamps in the United States generally reflect an important scene, event or person. To my knowledge, few have realistically represented domestic poultry. The Chinese Year of the Rooster figure appeared recently and although attractive, it is hardly realistic. Incidentally, the Chinese twelve year cycle brings the Year of the Rooster back to us this year.

Twenty-some years ago, Mike Gilbert, of Wisconsin, and I were in the process of establishing acceptance of the Ameraucana bantam by the ABA and in the process, dealt primarily with the late Frank L. Gary, who served as Chairman of the Standard Committee at that time. Frank was extremely helpful and during our extensive correspondence became aware of my interest in America's first poultry stamp and its background. The following letter contains a brief history of the stamp and the "old timers" among us may well remember fanciers named as involved in creating the stamp.

Frank L. Gary
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Chairman
Standard Committee
American Bantam Association

November 9, 1982

Friend Cable,

I have delayed answering your inquiry regarding the postage stamp until I could do a little research to refresh my memory.

Paul Ives was the originator of the idea to get a commemorative stamp issued for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Poultry Association. He was a man of many talents, Secretary of the Boston Poultry Show for many years, which was held in the old Mechanics Hall in Boston which was always held in January of each year along with a large sheep and goat show in the huge basement area, Editor of Cackle and Crow, a monthly poultry magazine which catered mostly to the production industry, a very good APA Judge, a breeder of production ducks as well as exhibition ducks, a collector of old and rare poultry books and postage stamps. Lest I forget, Ives was the original sponsor of the Honesdale Poultry Summer Show that was held for many years on the third weekend in June of each year by a number of purebred poultry breeders who lived in that general area. He dubbed them the "Cocky Crowd." My father and I never missed these shows and people came from remote parts of the U.S. to attend them. Alice Roberts, long time Director of District no. 2 of the ABA, George Fitterer and I were sitting in the cocktail lounge of the Allen Hotel, Honesdale, PA at the 1946 show when we were joined by Paul Ives. It was at this time that we first learned of the idea of the postage stamp proposal. We all pledged our support of the idea.

Harvey C. Wood, of Newton, N.J. was the owner of the grand champion large light brahma cock bird that is depicted in the postage stamp. He was the general sales manager of the Limestone Products Co, an APA judge, breeder of light brahmas and Pilgrim Geese, Secretary of the New York Poultry Show at the same time that I was the treasurer and a great friend of the American Bantam association. At the Boston Poultry Show in January of the year following the Honesdale summer show above referred to, Paul Ives called a meeting of several persons to make a final determination on what would be the subject of the postage stamp. There were about fifteen persons present. Those that I can remember were Ives, Wood who served the liquid refreshments, Paul Kuhl, Len Rawnsley, Frank Conway, Harold Thompkins, Arthur O. Schilling, Alice Roberts, myself and several others. A general discussion followed in which Alice Roberts spoke for the Barred Plymouth Rocks, Harold Thompkins for the Rhode Island Reds, Frank Conway for the Buff Orpington and several other sponsors for their favorite breed. Finally Harvey presented some pictures of his champion brahma cock bird as an ideal. Art Schilling stated that the brahma was a black and white bird and that it would be most desirable for reproduction by the Postal Authorities. Paul Ives suggested that it was one of the breeds shown at the original show on Boston Commons in 1849. A vote was taken and the matter settled. Schilling did the drawing and it was accepted by the Postal Authorities. Senators and Representatives were petitioned by many poultrymen who were interested and the stamp was issued in 1948.

I am enclosing some of these stamps as a gift with Harvey Woods signature on one of the blocks.

Sincerely,

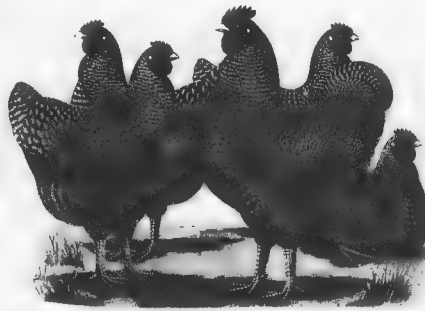
Frank L. Gary

PS My inability to read what I have written is something you will have to contend with, sorry.

Note: I was fortunate to meet Mr. Gary the following year in Columbus, Ohio. As indicated, his eyesight was failing and in spite of frail health, was gracious and a real gentleman.

Don Cable

Christmas Day, 2004



S. Robert Powell

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Next EMPA Meeting

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, PA.

Membership Renewals

The following membership renewals for 2006 have been received since 01-12-06: James W. Allan, John N. Conyngham, Ed and Miriam Page, Jack Kiska (2 years), Vanessa and Jackie Koedatich, Donald R. Perrin, Joseph Snow, Don Drewett, and Fred R. Herrick.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome into membership in the EMPA

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Minutes of January 21, 2006 EMPA meeting

The January 21, 2006 meeting of the EMPA at the Mountain view Restaurant; Clifford, PA was called to order at noon by EMPA president Dave Stiles. Present

at the meeting were Ron Stiles, Bill Goff, Steven Stanford, John Beeman, Judith Sartell, Robert Simons, Harold Alesky, Lynn Stiles, Connie and Jean Zebrowski, Dave Stiles, and S. Robert Powell.

As the meeting opened, Ron Stiles reported that EMPA member Merl Rynearson had had a pacemaker installed a couple of weeks ago and that he was doing OK.

Ron then showed the members present a First Day of Issue Cover for the 1946 Brahma postage stamp that was issued by the U. S. Postal Service (see article in January 12, 2006 issue, pp. 3-6, of the *EMPA Newsletter*). The stamp was issued from the New Haven, CT post office and the block of stamps was mailed to Martin Johannsen, 821 Franklin Street, Fresno 3, California, USA. Ron purchased this First Day of Issue Cover on the Internet.

It was regularly moved (L. Stiles) and seconded (Goff) that the minutes of the November 12, 2005 meeting of the EMPA be approved as published on pp. 12 of the January 12, 2006 *EMPA Newsletter*. The motion carried. The balance in the EMPA checking account as of January 11, 2006 was \$2,462.99.

David Stiles reported that two additional nominations for EMPA officers and directors for 2006 had been received.

Both nominees declined the nomination. Nominations were then declared closed. The President then instructed the Secretary to cast one vote in favor of the slate of candidates that was drawn up at the November 12, 2005 meeting, and that slate of nominees was declared elected.

The officers and directors of the EMPA for 2006 are:

Dave Stiles, president
Bill Goff, first vice president
John Beeman, second vice president
S. Robert Powell, secretary/treasurer
Bob Simons and Harold Alesky,
directors

David Stiles reported that all poultry technicians licensed by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania must meet with the lab people in Tunkhannock to learn about slide testing for pullorum/typhoid. Testing for pullorum/typhoid must be done once a year.

Bob Simons said that all questions from the 4-H and youth members of the EMPA about raising and showing birds should be received by the end of February so that those questions could be answered at the March 2006 meeting of the EMPA.

Robert Powell said that he would donate a copy of the APA's *American Standard of Perfection* to the 4-H and youth members of the EMPA, the standard to rotate among the 4-H and youth members of the club.

It was regularly moved (R. Stiles) and seconded (Goff) that the EMPA pay cash prizes to all youth exhibitors of poultry

at the annual Harford Fair. These prizes would be awarded for placings as well as for the champions in three divisions: up to fifth grade, grades six through eight, grades nine through twelve. The motion carried.

The EMPA spring auction will take place on Saturday, May 6, with the Rev. Roland Romig as auctioneer. The EMPA will advertise the auction in the April issue of *Poultry Press*.

The EMPA Summershow will take place on Saturday, June 10, with Jamie Matts and Rick Porr as judges and with Judi Sartell as show secretary.

Lynn Stiles said that she would be able to direct the food stand for the auction on May 6 but not for the show on June 10.

Judi Sartell reported that the club will offer etched glasses as prizes for the summershow. Kathy Lavell will be in charge of the Chinese auction and the awards set-up in the dining hall. The Endless Possibilities 4-H Horse Club will handle the food for the show (motion by Goff, second by Beeman). Meets and specials are needed for the show. Contact Judi Sartell at dymonds@nep.net.

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on Saturday, February 18, at noon, at the Endless Mountains Restaurant, Clifford, PA.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1.30 P.M.

S. Robert Powell, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of the February 18, 2006 EMPA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at noon by President Dave Stiles. Present were Bob Simons, Dave Stiles, Judi Sartell, Ron Stiles, Lynn Stiles, Harold Alesky, John Beeman, and S. Robert Powell.

The recording secretary read the minutes of the January 21, 2006 meeting. It was regularly moved (Simons) and seconded (Beeman) that the minutes be approved as read and placed on file. The treasurer reported that the balance in the association's checking account as of February 18, 2006 was \$2,035.51.

To begin the meeting, Dave Stiles went over the health regulations that will be in effect for fairs and poultry shows in Pennsylvania in 2006:

Pennsylvania exhibitors will have to test for avian influenza once a year (maximum of 11 birds must be tested); all birds, except waterfowl, to be shown must be tested for pullorum/typhoid (slide test) 90 days before being shown; all birds should be vaccinated against laryngotracheitis.

Out-of-state exhibitors: pullorum / typhoid, same as PA exhibitors; avian influenza—maximum of 30 birds to be tested. All exhibitors must submit an owner-endorsed health certificate; all birds must be banded

Pigeons must be described (breed and color) on entry form; pigeons for exhibition must not originate from foreign countries.

Nancy Tyler is now in charge of fairgrounds rentals at the Harford Fair.

The EMPA fall auction will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2006.

Judi Sartell reported that there will be a pigeon show held in

conjunction with the EMPA Summershow on June 10. An award will be presented to the Best of Show and Best Bird Shown by a Junior Exhibitor.

Ron Stiles reported that EMPA member Merl Rynearson, now with a pacemaker, is doing OK and that, weather permitting, was planning to attend today's meeting. Ron is now looking after Merl's Brahmas.

The EMPA will place a 2 x 2 space ad in the April issue of *Poultry Press*. In the ad, the EMPA's 2006 summershow and spring and fall auctions will be announced.

Judi Sartell said that all "specials" for the June 10 Summershow must be received by April 30.

Robert Powell showed the group the beautiful full-page ad that the EMPA placed in the 2005 APA Yearbook (page 172). The EMPA then voted to take out a full-page ad in the 2006 APA Yearbook. Six individual space ads are needed for the full page. Four of those ads will be from Stiles Poultry, Sartell family, Bob Simons, and S. Robert Powell. Two additional ads (\$16 each) are needed for the full page ad.

For the use of the junior and 4-H members of the EMPA, S. Robert Powell donated to the association a copy of the 1988 edition of the APA's *American Standard of Perfection*, a copy of Dave B. Sherrill's 1988 book titled *Old English Game Bantams*; a copy of the APA's 1992 book titled *The Rosecomb Bantam*, a copy of John S. Garrett's 1989 book titled *Modern Games*, and five copies of the APA's *The Wonderful World of Poultry Coloring Book*.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (L. Stiles) and seconded (John Beeman) that the meeting be adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

S. Robert Powell

Recording Secretary

Obituaries

p. 2 George H. Schroeder



George Schroeder, an 85-year resident of Prompton, Wayne County, died Thursday, June 16, 2005 in Bristol, PA, where he had recently moved to Mill Run, an assisted living facility. Born July 14, 1913, he was 91.

He was married for over fifty years to Florence Schroeder, who preceded him in death in August 1990. He is survived by two sons: Gary K. Schroeder, and wife

Dorothy, Phoenix, AZ ; and Thomas E. Schroeder, and wife Cory, of New Hope/Solebury, PA. He also is survived by seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. His family moved from New York City in 1920 to grow up on the family's Seelyville, PA farm. One of five children, he was the son of William N. and the former Elizabeth Van Eastenbridge. Schroeder was a graduate of Honesdale High School. Schroeder was a salesman with Limestone Products of Newton, NJ from 1949 to 1978, working a territory as far north as Maine. He was rehired out of retirement by Limestone, selling their Lime Crest brand of landscape materials and worked into the mid-1980s before retiring a second time. After retirement, Schroeder spent much of his time raising chickens and running the Wayne County Fair. Schroeder began working at the fair in the 1920s. He was a volunteer in, and later director of, the Fair's poultry department for over half a century. His devotion to the fair earned him increasing responsibility. He served as Vice President of the Fair for several years before becoming President. He was very proud of his accomplishments as President, including introduction of the one price admission and improving the fair's parking and entertainment. His family remembers his great enthusiasm for breaking his own attendance records each year.

Schroeder was nationally known as a Master Breeder, exhibitor, and judge of purebred chickens and waterfowl. He was once invited by Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth to judge an international poultry show in Bermuda. He won numerous awards for his white and black cochin bantams, including some of the highest honors the American Bantam Association. In addition to raising birds, he also became a well-known poultry judge at county and state fairs. He was proud to be one of the founding members of the "Cocky Crowd," a group of men from Wayne County who regularly showed birds at top poultry fairs in the country, including Madison Square Garden in New York.

Schroeder was a Mason for over 50 years. He was also a Rotarian and past president.

To his family and friends, he was also a role model, a man who taught his family the values of fairness, kindness, honesty and common sense. An eternal optimist, he was famous for his quips, frequently announcing, "It's a great life!"

In a private ceremony, Schroeder will be interred next to his wife Florence in the Lutheran Cemetery in Honesdale, PA. Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of his life on Saturday, July 9th, at the Prompton Fire House, Prompton Road, at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in his memory to the Wayne County Fair, 438 Wayne Street, Bethany, PA 18431.

George H. Schroeder

George H. Schroeder died on Thursday, June 16, 2005. He was born on July 14, 1913.

The obituary from the July 2, 2005 issue (pp. 1-2) of *The Wayne Independent* is given here.

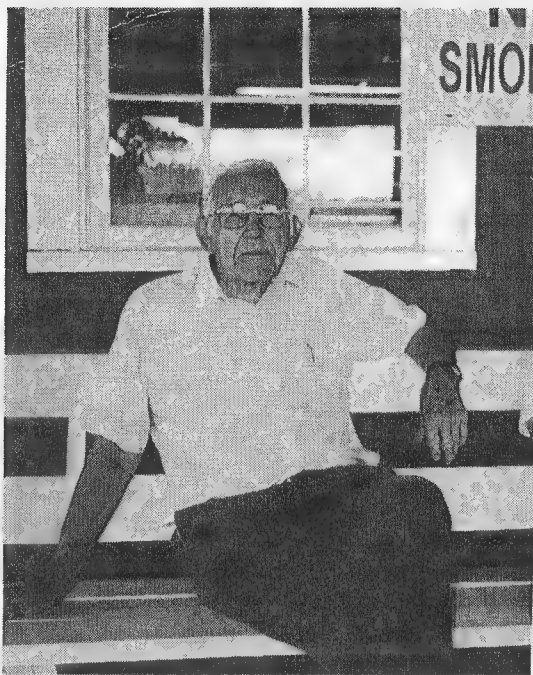
On August 10, 2005, at the annual Wayne County Fair, during ceremonies conducted in the grandstand at the beginning of the evening program, Roger Dirlam (now President of the Wayne County Fair) presented the Schroeder family a plaque in memory of George Schroeder. Receiving the plaque were George's son Tom and George's grandson George (son of George's son Gary).

George Schroeder served as the Poultry Superintendent at the Wayne County Fair from 1960 to 2004. He was a Director of the Fair from 1961 to 2002; from 2002 to 2005, he served as an Honorary Director of the Fair. From 1991 to 1999, he served as President of the Wayne County Fair.

At the APA semiannual meet, March 17-18, 2001 at Wapakoneta, OH, George Schroeder was presented and Honor/Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Poultry Association.

The content of the commemorative flyer that was produced and distributed at the 2001 APA Semiannual meet at Wapakoneta, OH, when George Schroeder was presented an honor/lifetime achievement award by the APA, is presented herein on pp. 5-8.

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George H. Schroeder,
outside the poultry building
at the Wayne County (PA)
Fair, August 2000.
Photo by S. Robert Powell

George H. Schroeder
Post Office Box 91
Prompton, PA 18456-0091
Phone: 570-253-3015

George H. Schroeder: Poultry Breeder, Exhibitor, Promoter, and Judge

American Poultry Association Honor/Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to George H. Schroeder (Prompton, PA) at the APA semiannual meet, March 17-18, 2001, Wapakoneta, OH, by S. Robert Powell, APA District 2 Director

- Breeder and exhibitor of White Cochins bantams (bloodline of Art V. Granger, South Bend, IN), 1940's and 1950's. In 1955, at Jamestown, NY show, won for the third time the New York/ABA Gold Trophy for the best cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, and trio of one variety. Trophy previously won at New York Show in January 1949 and December 1949. Trophy retired on George Schroeder's third win. Four engravings of George Schroeder's White Cochins bantams, shown here, were created by Arthur O. Schilling. George's White Cochins were described by Arthur Schilling as being "silver white/dominant white—with no yellowish cast whatsoever."
- Breeder and exhibitor of Black Cochins bantams (bloodline of D. Ross Blanford, Kansas City and Albuquerque), 1960's through

1990's. Named Master Breeder and Exhibitor (#174) of Black Cochins bantams by the American Bantam Association in 1994.

- Life member of APA, first joined about 1940; general licensed judge, #868, issued July 5, 1949, at Honesdale, PA, by Harvey C. Wood (Light Brahmas), Newton, NJ. In 1950, at the request of Paul Ives, George Schroeder judged the national Plymouth Rock meet at Boston, and with that he began a 50-year career as one of the most highly respected poultry judges in America.
- Poultry Superintendent, Wayne County Fair, 1950-1990, 2000-present (his predecessor was Frank W. Schuerholz; Richard Laabs was superintendent, 1990-1999); president of the Wayne County Fair, 1990-1999.
- Charter member of the Wayne County Poultry Fanciers' Association ("the Cocky Crowd")—an innovative, adventuresome, and courageous group of poultry fanciers, and very probably the most celebrated poultry association in America in the 1940's and 1950's. The Cocky Crowd sponsored not only the 17 widely renowned Honesdale Summer Shows in the period 1942-1959, but also hosted, in Honesdale, the 76th national meet and convention of the APA (June 21-25, 1949) and four semiannual meets (1949, 1952, 1954, and 1955) of the ABA in the seven-year period beginning in 1949.
- When not raising a family or raising, promoting, and showing poultry, George Schroeder worked (40 + hours a week) as a Field Representative for Limestone Products Corporation, Newton, NJ, starting in 1950.
- Elected for an unprecedented two terms as president of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation

The APA, the ABA, and the Wayne County Fanciers' Association (WCFA), working independently as well as together, repeatedly made poultry history in Honesdale in the 1940's and 1950's. Throughout the period, George Schroeder was a key player and significantly contributed to the successes achieved by all three organizations.

1949

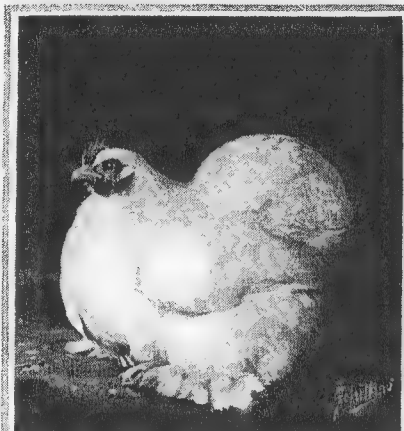
76th Annual Meet and Convention of the APA, 3rd ABA Semiannual meet, June 21-25, 1949; Honesdale Summer Show, June 26, 1949

- George Schroeder served as an officer of the WCFA which, backed by the entire community, hosted the joint APA and ABA meets; he also served as the show manager for the 7th Honesdale Summer Show—660 birds in the show, which were evaluated by 50 judges,

SCHROEDER'S WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS



1st. PRIZE WHITE COCHIN BANT. COCKEREL
BOSTON 100TH. CENTENNIAL, JAN. 1948
CHAMP. WHITE COCHIN MALE. A.B.A. MEET.
BRED AND OWNED BY,
GEO. SCHROEDER, HONESDALE, PA.



1st. PRIZE WHITE COCHIN BANTAM HEN
BOSTON 100TH. CENTENNIAL, JAN. 1948.
NAT. A.B.A. MEET. BRED AND OWNED BY,
GEORGE SCHROEDER, HONESDALE, PA.

The last National Meet of the American Bantam Association, held at the 100th Boston Show, brought out one of the hottest classes of white Cochin Bantams ever shown (79 Birds).

Our birds placed as follows:

5th, 6th Cock—Class of 13

1st Hen—Class of 11

1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th Cockerel—Class of 14

2nd, 3rd, 4th Pullet—Class of 11

3rd, 5th Young Trio—Class of 7

(Did not show any old trios)

Our First Cockerel was placed Champion White Cochin Bantam Male.

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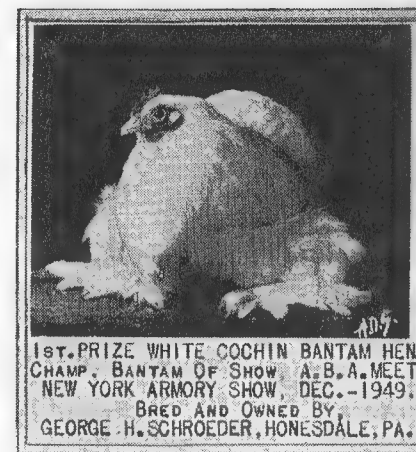
Box 5H

Honesdale, Pa.

SCHROEDER'S WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS



FIRST PRIZE WHITE COCHIN BANT. COCKEREL
CHAMPION COCHIN BANTAM MALE
NEW YORK ARMORY SHOW, JANUARY, 1949.
BRED AND OWNED BY,
GEORGE H. SCHROEDER, HONESDALE, PENN.



1st. PRIZE WHITE COCHIN BANTAM HEN
CHAMP. BANTAM OF SHOW. A.B.A. MEET
NEW YORK ARMORY SHOW, DEC.-1949.
BRED AND OWNED BY,
GEORGE H. SCHROEDER, HONESDALE, PA.

It gives me a great amount of satisfaction that after twenty-one years of competition the New York-A.B.A. Gold Trophy has been retired. This Trophy was first put up for competition at the 1934 New York Poultry Show. Mr. George Fitterer, Secretary of our American Bantam Association, presented it to me at our 1955 Honesdale Summer Show. We now have this beautiful Trophy in our home and it brings back many wonderful memories of the keen competition and the many friends we made along the way. The following is a record of the wins our birds made in winning this Trophy.

NEW YORK SHOW, JANUARY 1949, National Meet American Cochin Bantam Club. 1-2-3 Cock, 1-2 Hen, 1 Old Trio, 1-2-3-4-5 Cockerel, 1-2-3-4-5 Pullet, 1-2 Young Trio. Champion Cochin Male, Champion Cochin Young Trio, Best Display Cochin Bantams.

NEW YORK SHOW, DECEMBER 1949, National Meet, American Bantam Association. 1-2 Cock, 1-2 Hen, 2-3 Cockerel, 1-4 Pullet, 1 Old Trio, 1 Young Trio. Grand Champion Bantam, Grand Champion Trio.

JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK, 1955. 1-2 Cock, 2-3 Hen, 1-2-3-4-5 Cockerel, 1-2-3 Pullet, 1 Young Trio. Grand Champion Bantam, Grand Champion Trio.

No stock for sale until late 1957

GEORGE H. SCHROEDER

BOX 5

HONESDALE, PENNA.

This is a copy of the full-page ad that the EMPA placed in the 2005 APA Yearbook. If you would like to take out an ad on the EMPA page in the 2006 APA Yearbook, the cost of one of the individual space ads is \$16. Contact S. Robert Powell before April 1 to take out an ad.

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Dad's survival of

Incident at racing-pigeon fair kills 66, leaves 160 injured

BY KRZYSZTOF KOPACZ

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KATOWICE, Poland — Tadeusz Dlugosz and his son were taking in separate exhibits at a racing pigeon fair when there was a loud crack and the roof tumbled down.

Mr. Dlugosz clambered out from among the twisted steel beams and corrugated metal sheets — and began the long wait for his son to join him. Hours came and went until his wife reached him on his cell phone: The body of his 26-year-old son had been found.

Sixty-six people were confirmed dead and 160 were injured in the Saturday collapse.

On Sunday evening, officials gave up hope of finding any more survivors in the mangled, freezing wreckage.

Mr. Dlugosz waited outside the collapsed exhibition hall Sunday afternoon for someone to tell him where his son's

body had been taken.

"My son died," he said in stunned disbelief.

The two had traveled, 150 miles from the southeastern city of Rzeszow to attend the show devoted to pigeon racing, a sport popular in Europe in which homing pigeons are released and race home using their sharp sense of direction.

"It was his idea to come to the fair, it was his decision, and he found his grave there. I don't know which morgue he's in," Mr. Dlugosz said. "I would like to see him and take him as quickly as possible."

The "Pigeon 2006" fair had more than 120 exhibitors, including groups from Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Ukraine and Poland, according to the fair's Web site.

The last person rescued alive from the building was pulled out at about 10 p.m. Saturday — five hours after the

collapse tempered by son's death



ALIK KEPLICZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS

People light candles at the gate in front of the collapsed building in Katowice, southern Poland, on Sunday. A roof collapsed in the building during a pigeon show Saturday, killing 66 people.

cave-in, as extreme cold of 1 degree set in overnight.

Another survivor, Jozef

Watroba, said he was visiting the exhibition with his daughter and two sons-in-law. He

said he extricated himself from the debris after three hours and his daughter was

rescued, but had yet to track down the two men.

"I have no information about them," said Mr. Watroba.

A day after the roof caved in, authorities turned their attention to demolishing the rest of the structure, built in 2000.

"The rescue operation is over," said Krzysztof Mejer, a spokesman for the government of the Silesia region. Rescue dogs indicated that there were no more bodies in the debris, he said.

"We don't expect anyone else to be found under the wreckage," he said.

Fire chief Kazimierz Krzowski said heavy machinery was now being called in to tear down the rest of the building.

"The parts of the structure that are not lying on the ground are a threat," he said.

Transport Minister Jerzy Polacek told TVN24 television that the roof was covered with than 18 inches of icy snow, which police blamed for the collapse.

"Specials" for the EMPA Summer Show, June 10, 2006

This is a fill-in-the-blanks form for putting up "specials" for the EMPA's summer show, June 11, 2005. You need not be limited to the kinds of specials described here. Feel free to make up your own. In order for your special to be listed in the show catalogue, payment must be received by April 30, 2006.

I would like to put up the following "specials" for the 2006 EMPA Summer Show:

\$_____ for Champion _____

\$_____ for Reserve Champion _____

\$_____ for Best _____

\$_____ for _____ in honor of _____

\$_____ for _____ in memory of _____

\$_____ for _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Mail to: **Ms. Judi Sartell, R. R. 2, Box 121-Z, Thompson, PA 18465.**

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April 17, 2006

Special Youth Presentation

Saturday, April 22, 2006

Mountain View Restaurant

11:30 A.M. - noon

All youth members of the EMPA are encouraged to attend this meeting and to bring along two questions that they might have regarding any aspect of poultry. These questions will be discussed briefly and will be topics of future regular meetings.

All youth members are also asked to bring to the meeting a list of the breeds of poultry that they currently raise or are interested in so that the EMPA can make copies for them of the APA standard for the breeds in question.

All adult members of the EMPA are also encouraged to attend this youth meeting at 11:30 A.M., to listen and to help in the discussion.

Next EMPA Meeting

The next meeting of the EMPA will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at noon at the Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, PA. This meeting will take place immediately following the youth meeting/presentation described above.

Membership Renewals

The following membership renewals for 2006 have been received since the February 28, 2006 Newsletter: Karen and Rudy Brouillette (2 years); Minnich's Coop, Elton and Jean Minnich; Jack Kester (2 years). Also received, a new address notification for Eric and Alex Polovitch.

Jessica brings home the SILVER

EMPA member Jessica Sartell competed this year in the world's largest competition for snowboarding, the "Nationals," in Northstar at Tahoe, and in Slalom finished with a Silver. She was a quarter of a second from first place.

In Giant Slalom she had a fall in her second run, but still ended up in 10th place.

They then combine the total points from the 2 days' races and she ranked 4th place OVERALL ALPINE. She was competing with 27 girls from across the nation.

There were a total of over 1,400 competitors this year at Nationals.

Minutes of March 18, 2006 EMPA Meeting

Minutes taken by Ron Stiles

Attendance: Ron Stiles, Dave Stiles, Bill Goff, John Beeman, Harold Alesky, Nicole Keklak, Wendy Keklak, Allen

Lloyd, Robert Simons, Steven Stanford, Zach Stanford, and Tom Lipiec.

The youth that were present were asked if they possessed Standards for the breeds that they were raising. Those that did not will be provided a copy of their breed standard at the next meeting.

Results of the APA elections were announced.

It was noted that Robert had placed an ad in *Poultry Press* for our upcoming events.

All ads and changes for the APA Yearbook must be to Robert by the end of March. Cost for each ad is \$16.

It was announced that Bill Whitney was recovering from surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. We wish him the best.

A letter was read by Dave Stiles from Countryside Conservancy located at Keystone Junior College. The Conservancy is recognizing the Waterfowl/Turkey Barn at the Harford Fair for a special award to be given in April. The EMPA was specifically mentioned as being instrumental in making the building a reality. Dave, Ron, and Lynn Stiles will accept the award on behalf of the Fair.

Testing details were again covered for people attending the meeting.

At our next meeting, we will begin at 11:30 for a half hour "Youth Session". The young people will be asked to tell us what breeds they raise and what specific questions they have concerning their

birds and/or poultry in general. At noon the regular meeting of EMPA will begin.

We still need more specials for the show as well as donations for the Chinese auction. Contact Judi Sartell.

Dave Stiles will send out postcards to previous auction customers to alert them of time and place.

EMPA will be needing help during our sale. People will be needed to set up the night before, carry boxes, help with the food stand by donating food/drink and helping on the day with food sales, and help tearing down after the sale. Work only takes a few minutes with many helping.

EMPA will be giving out awards during the year to youth who help during sales, shows, attend meetings, etc. More details at our next meeting.

It was suggested that in our Newsletter that we include a section for Sale/Want ads for members only. If you have such ads, send them to S. Robert Powell so we can see how many we might be working with and how much space is needed. This would be free for members in good standing.

EMPA Full-Page Ad

The EMPA's full-page ad (\$96) in the 2006 APA Yearbook was mailed to the APA office on April 5, by S. R. Powell. The six individual ads on the page (each \$16) are from Stiles Poultry, Tom and Carol Richardson, Sartell Family, Tom Lipiec, Bob Simons, and S. Robert Powell.

EMPA Ad in April 2006

Poultry Press

The 2 column by 2 inch space ad, in which the EMPA's 2006 spring and fall auctions and summer show are announced was published on page 10 of the April 2006 issue of *Poultry Press*.

There Is a Relationship between (1) the Age, Number, and Vitality of the Birds in a Breeding Pen, (2) the Time of the Year that the Breeding Pen is Set Up, and the Gender of the Chicks Hatched from the Eggs Laid in that Breeding Pen

In January 2006, Bill Post (New Berlin, NY) sent S. R. Powell a copy of *The Philo System of Progressive Poultry Keeping* (1909, Elmira, NY) by E. W. Philo.

Therein, on page 13, E. W. Philo speaks on the question of controlling the sex of chicks hatched from various breeding pens. He says:

Controlling the Sex

To raise cockerels select a very strong, active male. A young bird is generally better than an old one. When but one hen is used in the breeding pen you will hatch from seventy to ninety per cent. cockerels. By increasing the number of females in the pen you will increase in proportion the number of females raised.

To raise nearly all pullets, use an old male bird or cockerel not especially active, mated to thirty or forty good lively pullets. You will not be likely to

get the highest average fertility, but the chickens hatched will run largely to pullets. In one experiment we raised seventy pullets from seventy-seven chickens hatched.

The early hatched chickens are likely to run to cockerels to a much greater extent than those hatched from the same pens later in the season.

When the vitality of the male is greatly in excess of the females the chicks will run largely to males, and when the females are superior in that respect, a large portion of the chicks will be pullets.

Comment from S. R. Powell:

I descend from a long line of highly successful poultrymen,

I have hatched and raised chickens for over 50 years,

I have read hundreds of articles and books on poultry husbandry,

but I have never heard anyone say (or read an author who said) what E. W. Philo says in the four paragraphs given above. Have you?

EMPA members or readers who have additional information on the interesting points made above by E. W. Philo are asked to send in that information to the Editor, and we will print that information in future EMPA Newsletters.

Conclusion of Frank L. Gary Article

On pages 7-8 of the January 12, 2006 *EMPA Newsletter*, we reprinted the first four pages of S. R. Powell's article on Frank L. Gary that was published in the 2001 *ABA Yearbook* (pp. 316-325). The six final pages of that article are reprinted herein on pages 4-6.

At this poultry show, a great many poultry fanciers took out or renewed memberships in the ABA and/or purchased ads for the ABA Yearbook. Writing of this show, Gary states: "The receipts taken in at this show surpassed any and all past shows during the 35 years of the A. B. A., so again hats off, this time to the Honesdale Summer Show."

Writing of this APA convention, Gary states: "Several old timers told us that this was the greatest convention of the American Poultry Association that they ever attended." This view was seconded by C. E. Herrington who, in this page one article on the convention in "Feather Fancier" stated: "The general opinion was that this was the best convention every held by the A.P.A. and that the Cocky Crowd and people of Honesdale had set a mark of hospitality that would be hard to equal by any other association on the Continent."

Writing of these ABA semiannual conventions, Frank Gary remarked on June 25, 1949 at the Honesdale ABA semiannual: "These semi annual meetings prove to be very popular and are a great help in furthering the best interests of the American Bantam Association."

Three years later, in June 1952, a second ABA semiannual meeting took place in Honesdale, with the annual meeting on June 21 in the Pennsylvania Room of the Allen Hotel. At that meeting, Gary, as president of the ABA, took the important step of appointing a committee to establish rules and guidelines for the licensing of ABA judges. The three members of that committee were George Schroeder (chairman), Alice A. Roberts, and Robert Turner. The rules and guidelines that were proposed by this committee were adopted by the ABA on January 23, 1953 at the 38th ABA annual meeting in the Minute Man Room of Mechanics Hall, Boston. Six months later, at the June 21, 1953 Honesdale Summer Show, Mrs. Alice A. Roberts (Feura Bush, NY; 1947 recipient of the George Fitterer Honor Award Medal) was awarded ABA Judging License No. 1. Semiannual meetings of the ABA were also held in Honesdale in 1954 (annual meeting on June 19 in the Banquet Room of the Park Hotel) and 1955 (annual meeting on June 18 in the Banquet Room of the Park Hotel). In an article in the June 22, 1954 issue of "The Wayne Independent" about the ABA convention, Gary is quoted as having said at the banquet that year: "It would be a terrible thing in a fancier's life not to be able to come to the Honesdale Summer Show."

There is lots more to be said about the 17 Honesdale Summer Shows held in the period 1942-1959 and all sponsored by the Cocky Crowd. Suffice it to say here that when the ABA, under Frank Gary's enthusiastic and enlightened direction, and the APA joined forces with Honesdale's Cocky Crowd that exhibition poultry was promoted as it had probably never before been promoted and probably has not been promoted since.

Following his years as president, Frank Gary continued to play a very active role in the ABA. At the ABA semiannual meeting on June 18, 1955, in the Banquet Room of the Park Hotel in Honesdale, PA, it was Gary who called the meeting to order, at 1 P.M. At that same ABA meeting, we learn from the minutes of that meeting, "Past President Frank L. Gary was given a rising vote of thanks for his untiring and efficient handling of the office of President during his term of office."

At the November 10-11, 1962 ABA annual meeting in Springfield, OH (see Fitterer's minutes in the "1963 ABA Yearbook," pp. 54, 56), Frank L. Gary was elected the ABA Election Commissioner. In the following year, at the 49th ABA semi-annual in Knoxville, TN (see "1963 ABA Yearbook," pp. 106, 108), Gary was named to a committee, together with John Wunderlich, chairman, and Mrs. Alice A. Roberts, "to review the A.B.A. Bantam Judge Examination and regulations and suggest any changes by the Annual Meeting of 1963."

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Not only did Gary do a lot for exhibition poultry as a breeder/exhibitor/promoter and as an administrator, he also did a great deal for the ABA and for the hobby as an editor. It is, I believe, as an editor that he made his most enduring and significant contribution to the hobby.

As early as 1945, at the ABA annual meeting, held in Atlanta, October 3, 1945 (see George Fitterer's report on pages 44, 46 of the "1946 ABA Yearbook") Gary's clear thinking and organizational and editorial skills were apparent. (These were qualities that served him well, in addition, in his professional life as the head accountant for the New Jersey municipal finance commission and as a registered municipal consultant.) At the time, Frank Gary, John Wunderlich, and Dr. David M. Wolfe constituted the ABA's Classification Special Committee. It was this committee that established the bantam classifications that are used to this day by both the ABA and the

APA. In the minutes of that meeting we read: "F. L. Gary, Chairman of the Committee of Gary, John Wunderlich, and David M. Wolfe for the Classification Special Committee, recommended that the Clean Legged Ornamental Bantams classes be divided into three classifications of single comb, rose comb and all other combs. The recommendation was approved. The bantam classes will be divided into classifications as follows: Modern Game, Old English and American Games, Feather Legged, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, and Any Other Comb Clean Legged."

"President Dr. Charles White, Jr. appointed the same committee of F. L. Gary, John Wunderlich and Dr. David M. Wolfe to continue for the coming year and make report at the next annual meeting. Motion was approved to have the secretary write to the office of the American Poultry Association and recommend that the A. P. A. offer these specials in the same classifications."

Very early, Gary recognized the need for a book that would help bantam breeders raise bantams that meet the standard requirements. At the 33rd Annual ABA meeting in Boston on January 22, 1948 (see "1948 ABA Yearbook," pp. 46, 48), George Fitterer reported: "President F. L. Gary reported on the need of a general all variety bantam book and asked approval of the members to proceed with such a book at the first opportunity. Mrs. Alice Roberts presented the motion and added that such a book was in great need. The motion was adopted."

In 1949 at the ABA Semiannual in Honesdale, when considerable discussion, on June 25, was held on the form of the first edition of the forthcoming "Bantam Book" to be published by the ABA, Gary served as the clearing house, organizer, and focus for the articles and materials that he and others solicited for the forthcoming book. At the same time, he understood and stressed to others the importance of passing on from one generation to the next the wisdom gained by practical experience in the field.

In the "1949 ABA Yearbook" (p. 52), he wrote as follows about the ABA's forthcoming "Bantam Book": "I have written several breeders for articles to go in the bantam book. . . . We have set a deadline of September first for the book to go to press. . . . Credit will be given in the book to all who assist in its completion. Get your name in this first edition of what we hope will be the finest of its kind ever published. If you have any breeding secrets which will help get the beginner interested and enable him to breed specimens that he can win with in competition, let us have them for the benefit of posterity. Don't let them pass away when you go to the great beyond and do no one any good except yourself."

Regarding the proposed ABA bantam book, Secretary George Fitterer reported in his minutes of the December 4, 1948 ABA annual meeting, the 34th, in Oklahoma City ("1949 ABA Yearbook," pp. 84-85) as follows: "President F. L. Gary discussed the A.B.A. all variety bantam book and asked that all breeders give as much help as possible in the assembly of first hand material on the breeds and varieties so that the book would be the most complete ever published."

Secretary Fitterer discussed the proposed bantam book and pointed out that it was not the intent of the American Bantam Association to make this book a bantam standard but rather a book to help breeders produce bantams that meet the standard requirements."

We have mentioned Gary's pioneering work in writing the standards for American Game bantams and Black Red Rosecombs and getting them officially recognized by the ABA. But it was not only in those two breeds of bantams that he was interested, as we learn from the article that was published in the "1960 ABA Yearbook" (p. 36) at the time he was awarded the George Fitterer Honor Award Medal in 1959. In that article we read: "His work in helping to build standards for the Wheaton Old English Game Bantam male, the Blue, Blue Red, Lemon Blue and Silver Blue Modern Games, shape and color description for the Black, Blue, Cuckoo and White Dutch Bearded which he bred for a number of years and the Black Red Rosecomb which he developed and prepared the standard color description, all of this was done at no cost to the A. B. A. or anyone else. He attended many of the A. P. A. conventions and often worked with the Standard Revision Committee on many problems affecting Bantams."

Gary ultimately became the Chairman of the ABA Standard Committee that produced the first ABA Standard. In the "1965 ABA Yearbook" (p. 96), there is a photo of Frank L. Gary with the following caption: "Past President and Chairman of the A.B.A. Standard Committee. It is Mr. Gary who did such a remarkable job in assembling the material for the A. B. A. Bantam Standard."

In an article entitled "The New Bantam Standard" by Henry Fichtner in the "1965 ABA Yearbook" (p. 106), we read: "as most of you probably know, in the near future the A.B.A. will publish a new Standard on all breeds and varieties of Bantams. In addition to each standard will be a listing of common defects, and a paragraph of

instructions to the judges." Fichtner then details the problems that the ABA secretary at the time (George Fitterer) had in arriving at the standard for one breed and then states: "Knowing of the problems of our secretary in arriving at a job well done on just one breed, I would like to say that the Bantam world owes Frank L. Gary a debt of gratitude for the tremendous job he has done in assembling the entire standard."

In George Fitterer's minutes of the ABA semiannual meet in Chattanooga, TN, May 22-23, 1965 ("1965 ABA Yearbook," pp. 100, 102, 106) we read the following: "Frank L. Gary, Chairman of the Standard Committee, reported that all of the material was ready to go to press with the exception of one breed which did not conform to the uniform procedures of the other breeds. . . It was voted to issue a limited Special Edition of the Standard at ten dollars a copy and each purchaser to receive a number which will appear on the first page of the book together with name, city and state. On this special page will also appear the signature of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and the three members of the Standard Committee, Frank L. Gary, Mrs. Alice A. Roberts and John Wunderlich. A final motion on the standard was adopted that reads: "After the publication of the American Bantam Association Bantam Standard it is to be used as the official guide of all American Bantam Association meets."

The 51st ABA annual meeting of the ABA took place on January 30, 1966 at Fort Worth, TX. In George Fitterer's minutes of that meeting ("1966 ABA Yearbook," pp. 130, 32), we read: "In the absence of Chairman Frank L. Gary of the A. B. A. Standard Committee, Secretary Fitterer reported the Standards were completed and ready for mailing. A copy of the paper cover, plastic bound Standard was displayed at the meeting. The 260 page first edition (containing the standards for 60 breeds of bantams) met with great approval." Gary publicly expressed his appreciation to 55 people for their assistance in the writing of this landmark volume. As an expression of gratitude to Frank Gary for all that he had done for the ABA over the years, he was named an Honorary Life Member of the ABA at the 51st annual meeting in 1966 at Fort Worth, TX. In 1974, at the 59th ABA annual meeting in Phoenix on February 9, he was again honored by the ABA. In George Fitterer's minutes of that meeting (see "1974 ABA Yearbook," pp. 120, 22, 24), we read: "Frank L. Gary, 5 Barbara Drive, Crosswicks, N.J. 08515 was voted A. B. A. General Bantam Judge License Number A-1 for his tremendous amount of work on the Bantam and Bantam Duck Standards and his great knowledge on all breeds."

In an obituary of Frank L. Gary that was published in the February 1986 "Poultry Press" (p. 2), Bob Delancey remarked: "Frank Gary was possibly one of the most devoted bantam fanciers the fancy has ever known. He gave a veritable lifetime to bantams and to his beloved American Bantam Association." Gary's son-in-law, George A. Stout, also wrote an obituary of Gary, which was published in the March 1986 issue of "Poultry Press" (p. 4). Therein, we learn that Frank Gary's wife, Ruth, died in 1983 and that Frank and Ruth Gary were the parents of three children: Alan, William, and Pat (Mrs. George Stout). Gary's legacy lives on at the American Bantam Association, we learned from Gus Vinhage, in the perpetual award that was established by the ABA following Gary's death. In his e-mail to me of January 14, 2001, Gus remarked: "Frank Gary left his poultry library to be auctioned off and the proceeds to be invested. The ABA member who wins Champion Bantam wins a cash prize equal to the interest gained for that year. This has been done ever since Gary's death, around Christmas 1985, just before Eleanor took over as secretary of the ABA.."

As a breeder/exhibitor/promoter, as an administrator, and as an editor, then, Frank L. Gary did a lot for exhibition poultry. His achievements and successes in the realm of exhibition poultry were extraordinary. People like him don't come along very often. We who are interested in exhibition poultry owe a lot to Frank L. Gary.

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